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aspire to join the middle classes — feel that they no longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from a Conservative government." ADY THATCHER

last night reopened the Conservative Party's barely-healed wounds following Emma Nicholson's defection by warning John Major against the electoral perils of

returning to the moderate "One Nation" Conservatism that she comprehensively her

premiership. Despite a damage limitation exercise, launched by senior ministers and MPs before the former prime minister's City of London lecture, her devastating — if coded — analysis of the Government's failure to "live up to our anal-ysis and principles" angered the Tory left desperate to stem the so-called jurch to the

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right. Dismissing as "baloney" peddled by malcontents sug-gestions that the Government is in trouble with voters for moving too far to the right, she took sides in the key eco-nomic debate by saying: "The test is simple. Just ask your-self is it because the Governself: is it because the Govern-ment has not spent, borrowed and taxed enough that people are discontented? Or is it that to the Liberal Democrats. Referring to her insistence on free and open debate Tory moderate, Peter Luff, MP for vorcester complained: The answer was obvious. thing that most undermines To Mr Major's discomfort she the credibility of her argusaid: "We are unpopular, ment is the suggestion that it above all because the middle is good for a party to have classes --- and all those who open debate and division" --not something she tolerated in power. Harlow's Jerry Hayes said she would not be forgiven for "making a virtue Austin of dislovalty KS AS THOUGH IT WAS But rightwingers were ONE WITH A HANDS quick to hit back. "No one can find fault with what she says. People will find this very easy to support," said the right winger David Shaw, MP for Dover and Deal. Mr Major himself uses "One Nation" language, as last night's television news bulletins quickly reminded viewers. Since Mr Blair is Turn to page 2, column 3

To make her partisan mes-sage abundantly clear Lady Thatcher went on to say: am not sure what is meant by those who say that is meant by should return to something called One Nation Conserva-tism. As far as I can tell by

their views on European fed-eralism, such people's creed would be better describwed as

"No Nation Conservatism"." The divisions exposed by the former prime minister de-lighted Labour — which has picked up the baton of "One Nation" supporters after the Tory party's problems — as much as her speech delighted Thatcherite Tories who want to pull Mr Major to the right.

Her barely-concealed mes-sage dismayed moderate Tory MPs who were already con-cerned that Lady Thatcher and her advisers had decided to go ahead with such a poten-tially divisive lecture after 10 hectic days in which her successor has baitled to steady and unite his party after Emma Nicholson's defection

Rewriter of history raddled by vanity

Comment

Hugo Young

is a measure of the deeply neurotic state of today's Conservative Party that Margaret Thatcher's speech should have mattered at all. It was mainly devoted, under the rubric of the sainted Keith Joseph, to yet another justification of that distant icon: herself. Little of what the old lady

said was seriously out of line with what the party of the hardening right is preparing to say at the election. Yet the fact that she spoke at all, signalling in every paragraph which side she backed, can be interpreted only as a malign intervention in the civil war over which her successor

tries to pretend he is not presiding. She broke fewer rules than she has done before. Perhaps she thought that by keeping Europe mostly out of it, she was doing him a favour. What she said on the great neuralc subject was claptrap about the European Court and the sovereignty of Parliament we have often heard before. On public spending, she weechoed the verbiage Mr Major and his cohorts will be pushing all year. Limiting government and releasing tential threat to all the moral, enterprise are mantras he utters as often as she does, each as blithely silent as the other on the failure of Thatcherism, in all these years, to have sig-nificantly dented the public share of national income. She attacked the primeminister-in-waiting, as she al-most acknowledged him to be, in the place where he's ripe for bruising, the heart and gut he will bring to curbing demands for money. These Tory scourges of public spending having failed so dis-mally, it's a fair question: can

Tony Blair be an even bigger bastard? From Portillo to Dor-rell, the Cabinet will work him over with a single voice. Mr Dorrell, however, rated no mention by the baroness.

If this is a broad church, she knows down which narrow aisle lies the only salvation for the faithful. With predict-able unsubtlety, the Thatcherite favourites got their men tion, but the ecumenical spirit was about as prominent as it is in the sermons of Dr Paisley. This wasn't the speech of an elder statesperson, but of a re-writer of his-tory, raddled by vanity, press-ing the case for disciples like Howard and Portillo who are among the most unpopular

politicians in Britain. So: although covered by deniability, the speech de-ployed most of what it takes for the lady to add to the trouble the Tories are already in. It staked the ground for a post-election party in which Kenneth Clarke will have no place, unless he is prepared to commit to plans that will cut more" than to a more 40 per cent of GDP. This will be in the service of a view of the state which has a crackpot extremity it would be hard to credit unless one reads the following words carefully.

Politics, page 4; Leade comment, page 8; The common ground, page 9 Baroness Thatcher delivers her speech warning against a return to one-nation Conservatism

'We are unpopular, above all, because the middle classes - and all those who aspire to join the middle classes - feel that they no longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from a Conservative government'

cultural, social and economic benefits of freedom."

With a certain amount of spin-doctoring, there's material here that might drown out the simpering innocence she brings to her criticism of the present leadership. But at bottom this was a harking back to days the party likes to remember but the country to forget, when the leader had what Major, she almost screamed at him, most pitifully lacks: "an unswerving belief that you have to be right.'



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The general who told his troops No more replays for cricket's 'bonkers' record-breaker Bird to tear up UN's Bosnia mandate

Philippe Morillon speaks out in an exclusive interview with Ed Vulliamy

GENERAL Philippe Morillon, one of the most flamboyant figures to have emerged from the Bosnian war, today lam-basts the United Nations mandate covering the forces he led in Sarajevo, describing their rules of engagement as we have to withdraw' "a farce" and disclosing secret contacts with Nato. In an exclusive interview with the Guardian, the general also reveals that he ordered the Anglo-French Rapid Reac tion Force to tear up its UN

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mandate last summer - and attack Bosnian Serb positions. farce Speaking for the first time since retiring from the French army last month, Gen Morillon - remembered most for his entry into battered Srebrenica in 1993 — tells how he sought between 1992 and 1993 to use force to secure a peace deal, as eventually tal rift over the whole purhappened last year. But Gen Morillon says the tween

the mere presence of UN sol-diers with blue helmets and we wanted house, but with the spirit of our mission ... which was to protect the pop-ulation. To achieve that, we the blue flag would help to prevent the explosion". The general is by far the most senior military com-mander to utter such views. had to be able to use force.' He describes "angry crises" between Sarajevo and his Za-greb command, saying: "My permanent instinct was that ethnic cleansing" you have to use force ... I repeated it every day: 'We have to be respected, if not, The French took the heavi-est casualties of any UN contingent, and Gen Morillon Slobodan Milosevic. insists that "to limit our ability to fire only when fired upon was much too restricted

... The idea of the 'right to legitimate defence' was a He defends the outspoken British commander, Colonel Bob Stewart, who shared his views and alarmed Britain's anti-interventionist politicians. "Stewart was right. I tried to back him all the way". Gen Morillon details, for

the first time, the fundamenpose of the UN mission be-tween "offensive" UN leadership constrained commanders on the ground, rajevo. He shared his views

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Gen Morillon says he understood the purpose of the mission "to be resolutely opposed to the perpetrators of He also talks about his dealings with the Bosnian Serb military leader, General Ratko Mladic -- who has been indicted for war crimes -and the president of Serbia, Gen Morillon gives details of the first known admission by Mr Milosevic that Serbian army regulars were sent to fight in Bosnia in deflance of undertakings to the West. "When I went to see Milose-vic, I spoke to him about

this," says Gen Morillon. "He was obliged to admit to me that they were involved." Gen Morillon reveals that he worked closely but "unofficially" with Nato while commander of UN forces in Bosnia, receiving Nato intelligence and bringing United States marines to Sa-

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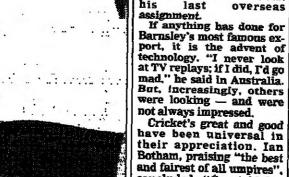
his troops with "a mandate of 'angel-ism' — an illusion that the mere presence of UN sol-"We wanted nothing to do Jim Border, then commander of Nato in southern Europe. "We were in regular contact, entirely unofficially," says Gen Morillon. "I was get ting a lot of help from Border in Naples. We established a personal axis of unofficial links between our staff. He was also providing me with US marines ... He was pro-viding me with intelligence, but it was absolutely unofficial — it was simply a direct line between Philippe Moril-lon and Jim Border."

Gen Morillon goes on to de-scribe his lobbying behind

Force from Paris. He tells of his outrage when he heard that the force was bound by rules of engagement which only allowed it to fire to protect UN soldiers in danger, and how he ordered the force's commander in Sarajevo to either disregard those rules, or else be withdrawn.

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Donly Test umpire to

have become a worldwide celebrity, will be contem-plating his own dismissal

today after agreeing to

stand down from the inter-national umpiring panel,

writes David Hopps. Bird, lovable eccentric

and compulsive worrier, might still have occasion to

add to his world record 65 Tests. At 62, he will remain on the Test and County Cricket Board's domestic

panel next season, but his

position as the world num-

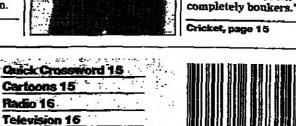
ber one has gone. "Cricket is my wife,"

chirped Bird, a bachelor, during Pakistan's tour of

Australia last November.

concluded: "Great bloke,

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the scenes to bring about more robust action after leaving Sarajevo in July 1993. When serious force was finally deployed last year, it has emerged that he was commanding the Rapid Reaction

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Sketch

Many a slip allows Heseltine to shine



Mark Lawson

VERY theatre-goes knows the wave of defla-tion, the smell of spoiled outings, that runs through a theatre when the little slip of paper spills out of the programme or the bow-tied stage manager breaks the curtains with the words: "The role of ... will be played at this performance by

It has been a slip-in-the-pro-gramme week at Westminster. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the roles of Michael Portillo and Malcolm Rifkind, at their departmental questions, were played by stumbling understudies, the leads still being abroad. Yesterday, audiences who had turned up to see Kenneth Clarke answer Treasury Questions discovered that his role was to be played by Wil-

liam Waldegrave. Where the hell have all these politicians gone? Perhaps, as in theatre, taxpayers should have the option of receiving their money back when billed leads fail to appear

At some performances, though, the slip in the pro-gramme can be welcome. Ex-pecting John Major at Prime Minister's Question Time, and actually getting Michael Heseltine, is rather like being given a ticket for Paul Daniels in panto and discovering on arrival that Paul Scofield is giving his King Lear. It helped that John Prescott, also filling in for Tony Blair, was better casting as the Fool.

Major and Blair were unavoidably away at the requiem mass in Notre Dame for François Mitterrand, although the late French president, in a final gallic shrug of independence, had become the latest leader not to attend his own state funeral, having himself quietly buried elsewhere at the same time.

Heseltine — another former president [of the Board of Tradel, though happily still with us — first faced Mike

First night

O'Brien (Labour MP for Warwickshire North), who raised the question of Lady Thatcher's speech, due to be delivered last night, in which she opposed a single European currency. As Hezza was "the one who wielded the knife that did her in", he asked, what did he think of this?

The Deputy Prime Minister replied that both Lady Thatcher and the Prime Minister fought for British interests in Europe. "Each must do it in his own way and his own context," he concluded, the insistence on the male possessive either merely the gram-mar of a man of Hezza's generation or a feline gibe at the famous lady.

There was something a little tragic about Hezza's early deputisings for Major. It was as if a woman had refused to sleep with a man but permitted him a single kiss before kicking him out. Yesterday, though, it was a hell of a kiss Peter Pike (Labour MP for Burnley) asked him to reprise his reasons for opposing

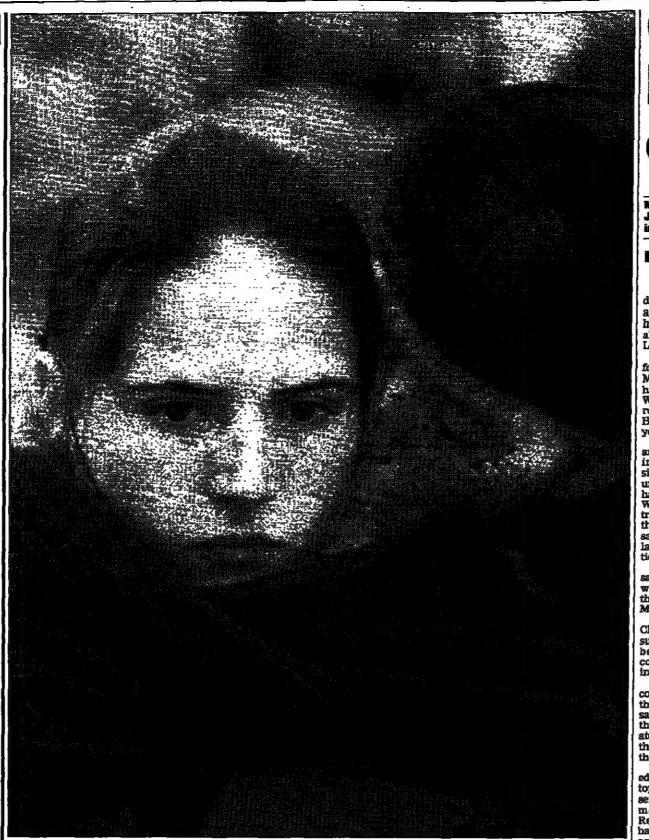
Thatcher "As I look back on a long career in public service," replied Hezza, with nicely camp grandeur, "I regard the fact that I played such a conspicuous role in the 1987 election campaign, in which Mrs Thatcher was re-elected, as ne mean achievement." Again, there were was the glint of knives there if you ooked for it.

Warmed up, he reached for a prop: a Guardian cutting in which Ken Livingstone (Labour MP for Brent East) expressed mystification abou the meaning of the new Blair sound-bite "stakehold

society "Mine's a sirloin," yelled Dennis Skinner, but what Skinner is to jokes, Hezza is to

"I'll tell you what it means, he roared. "It means that the stakeholders that the Labour Party would be bringing back are ... the unions, the single te pressure groups, the local authorities and co-oper tives...

The Tory backbenchers gave a sitting, but howling, ovation. Real theatre had returned to Question Time. Some of them will have begun to fantasise again about not just a slip in the programme but a change of names on the marquee.



Anne Pingeot, Mitterrand's mistress, comforts their daughter Mazarine in Jarnac

France bids adieu as a socialist statesman is laid to rest with pomp and pastoral simplicity

PHOTOGRAPH: PHILIPPE WOJAZE

But some acrimony seether eath the surface, with Le Monde reporting yesterday that Jacques Attali, Mitterrand's adviser who fell foul of him last year because of a book quoting his purported criticisms of aides, had been prevented from paying his respects in the apartment near the Eiffel Tower where

he died on Monday. Passing into history was one thing. But no earthly body could guarantee a passage to Heaven, even for an agnostic

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offensive as a report in Money magazine claimed that legal bills now running at \$2 million

(£1.25 million) a year had put

him and his wife "on a colli-

Mike McCurry, the White

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Clinton on Hillarygate defensive

Martin Walker and mathan Freedland n Washington

sion course with bankruptcy". HE United States president, Bill Clin-House press secretary, admitton, went before the ted: "They are facing some nation last night to real financial difficulties, that's true." But more than defend his wife Hillary against accusations that she \$1 million has already been had lied under oath and raised by the Clintons' legal abused her position as First defence fund Lady.

A rare televised press con-ference was aimed to subject. Mr Clinton to a grilling over front yesterday as leaked documents on the so-called "Travelgate" affair appeared to his wife's veracity on the Whitewater affair and her role in the sacking of White confirm that Mrs Clinton had ordered the 1993 purge of White House travel staff. House travel-office staff two which she has always denied. years ago. In recent days Republicans

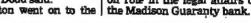
"May 16 - HRC pressure." the then White House chief of staff, Thomas McLarty and their conservative allies in the media, who have singled out Mrs Clinton for unusually vitriolic criticism, initially virione criterial, have successfully revived the Whitewater affair — a disas-trous property investment by the Clinton family in Arkanduring a meeting. The Clintons are accused of sacking the travel staff on trumped-up charges in order to replace them with cronies sas financed by a bank that later went broke amid allegafrom Arkansas headed by a econd cousin of the preside tions of a conflict of interest. This is the second piece of Mr Clinton was the Arkan written evidence which flatly sas governor, and his wife contradicts Mrs Clinton's ver-

was a member of the law firm that worked for the bank, sion Last week, a memo by another former White House Madison Guaranty. But sarlier yesterday, Mr Clinton received unexpected aide was released revealing that he believed there would be "hell to pay" if he did not support from the star witness carry out her wishes that before the Republican-controlled Senate hearings they be summarily dismissed. The real drama yesterday nto Whitewater. Richard Massey, a former

came in the senate. A special colleague of Mrs Clinton at committee, using the room where the inquiries into Presthe Rose law firm in Arkandent Richard Nixon were sas, corroborated her story held 20 years ago — in which Mrs Clinton was herself a that he, and not she, had initiated and undertaken most of junior lawyer - asked a the legal work for the bank at revised version of the classic the heart of the affair. "No evidence, no knowl-edge, no lisbility," said Chris-Watergate question: what did the First Lady know, and topher Dodd, a Democratic when did she know it?

senator and the party's chair-man. He added that the "The American people have a right to know the full facts about Whitewater," Senator Alfonse D'Amato, the Republi-Republican-run committee had withheld from the press and public formal legal can committee chairman, said. reports commissioned by fed rejected Republican claims that he had ever conspired eral regulators which had concluded that the Clintons

with the White House or had no case to answer. "There is nothing to hold other Rose law firm colthese conspiracy theories leagues to alter his story. together other than political Instead, Mr Massey or personal enmity against the president and First firmed most of Mrs Clinton's claims that she had a hands Lady," Mr Dodd said. Mr Clinton went on to the off role in the legal affairs of



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Five held over head's murder

TVE arrests were made | tral London police stations. held in connection with the murder of London headmaster Philip Lawrence, In his address, Msgr Lustiger felt "François Mitterrand had with the attack on Mr Mills were being held at Paddingimplied that he believed in the and four arrests in connecton in central London. tion with the robbing of John Mills, husband of the Director communion of saints". The archbishop reminded In the Lawrence case the five were arrested yesterday morning at different the congregation that the of Public Prosecutions, Barpresident's constant compan-ion had been a framed picture bara Mills. Last night Scot-land Yard was refusing to addresses They were described as of Saint Francis of Assisi. being aged 17 and from Holloway, aged 15 from Cam-den, aged 15 from Crouch Hill, all north London; aged 14 comment on suggestions that Apart from Prince Charles the arrests were linked, from Britain came John writes Duncan Campbell The five arrested in connec-Major. Tony Blair, Edward Heath and James Callaghan, a strong British presence remarked upon by members of the crowd outside. tion with the murder of Mr from Harrow Road, west London and aged 16 from central London. Lawrence were being inter-viewed at five separate cen-CALL THE WORLD FOR

Crackers about maracas

Judith Mackrell

Corazon Flamenco Sadiers Wells

VER since Massine's Andalusian ballet, Le Tricome, sent 1920s London flocking to Spanish dance classes, the British have proved susceptible to lamenco.

It may be that our northern souls ache for the kind of passion where men sing deep into the night about betrayal, and women weave erotic spells with their arms. It may be that flamenco is as close to the genuinely exotic as Europe gets. For whatever reason, the British psyche seems to need it.

During the late 1980s, London suffered its most acute bout of Spanish fever. Crowds of cool young women gave up their social lives to learn how to stamp through a serious sevillanas, while their boy-friends hung out in tapas bars. At the centre of it all, generat-ing a huge amount of heat, was the smash hit, Cumbre

Flamenca. The show was basically a string of music and dance numbers which had been funded by the Spanish govern ment to display real flamenco to the world.

In place of the pretty ladies in mantillas peddled to tour-ists, the public were shown great artists, who were mostly Gypsies. Dour, dumpy women came on to the stage looking as if they were setting off to market but as soon as they started to dance they trampled

demons beneath their feet. With only a few variations,

this show carried off four wildly successful seasons. But

its director, Francisco Sanchez, has obviously decided it is time for a new formula, so the first half of his new production Corazon Flamenco is taken up by a dance drama about illicit love and revenge The opening of Noche de Santiago looks promising as traditional bulerias and rum has are used to establish a village community of gossips. The couple dancing the rumba

are particularly sparky — she all flirty hips and high mocking kicks, he all dandy hau-teur. But the married woman and her Gypsy lover at the centre of the plot are revealed far less convincingly.

Flamenco may communi-cate the heat of individual desire but it does not lend itself to the yielding love duet. However passionate their dancing — and Araturo Agui-lar particularly performs with a fierce high-strung precision - It looks a little foolish when it is made to express things

beyond its range. But the show's second half returns, gloriously, to the old format allowing individuals to sparkle and glower unen-cumbered by plot. It is domi-nated by Manuela Carrasco, a big, breathtaking severe wom an who attacks her movements with a violent, even

brutal power. But almost matching her for duende is the singer, Susi, who can equally pitch her voice from a deep anguished growl to the keening of a lost soul. The other singers and guitarists are also mesmeris-ing — and the final bulerias.

when everyone joins in to show off their tricks, is the best party in town.

This review appeared in later editions of yesterday's paper.

Eyewitness grandeur with the pastoral simplicity he espoused.

Alex Duval Smith heads of state and govern-ment -- mourned beneath risin Paris ing incense smoke pierced by

UST as he would have liked and almost wordshafts of light. The Arch-bishop of Paris, Monsignor for-word as he had planned, François Mitterrand yesterday secured his passage Jean-Marie Lustiger, presided and a choir sang. Simultaneously, members of Mitterrand's family and 500 friends attended an identical

from politics to history in an atmosphere loaded with symservice in Saint-Pierre, a parbols as powerful as they were ish church in Jamae, his birth-place. Afterwards, the former president was burled in a drab contradictory.

In a letter accompanying his will, the former socialist president, who died on Monfamily tomb. Mitterrand, who died as a day aged 79, had stageresult of prostate cancer, had | their daughter, Mazarine. nanaged his final journey. It

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grandeur with the pastoral even that his labrador. Baltic, should travel with his coffin

At a solemn requiem mass in Notre-Dame cathedral. 2,300 people — including 170 the image of a great 20th century figure, he needed the un-prompted endorsement of another doyen of politics. At Notre-Dame during the Pie Jesu from Fauré's Requiem,

the imposing figure of the German chancellor, Helmut Kohl, provided it by crying. And if France is prepared to accept Mitterrand's links with the wartime Vichy regime, it still likes a happy ending. Danielle Mitterrand provided

"The Americans could have done better," said Marion Lacassagne, a teacher. "I think Clinton should have come instead of Al Gore. After it in Jarnac by being flanked, at the coffin, by her husband's all, Nixon came to De Gaulle's mistress, Anne Pingeot, and

A FEW BOB LESS. **Threat lifted for** asylum seekers

> ting at risk of destitution many people who are genu-inely seeking refuge in this country, amongst whom may be numbered some of the

most vulnerable and defence less in our society," con cluded its report.

The concessions offered by Mr Lilley in the Commons yesterday were designed to defuse a growing revolt among Conservative MPs and to head off High Court legal action by local authorities.

Mr Lilley announced a "transitional package" to meet their immediate concerns. He said the 13,000 asylum seekers who had lodged refugee claims since October will continue to get benefit until their claims and appeals are rejected. From February 8, new asylum applicants who fail to make a claim as soon as they arrive in Britain - about 70 per cent

of cases - will lose all rights to claim welfare benefits. The package will also cover some of the extra costs faced by local authorities in providing temporary accommodation to homeless asylum seek-ers. It is thought that this will amount to at least £13 million. The social security advisory committee report said the concessions would mitigate the immediate effect of the proposals but did not alleviate their concerns or pro-

vide a long-term solution. It was a view supported by Labour, Shelter, the Refugee Council. Amnesty Interna-tional and the Joint Council tion should be sought by put- for the Welfare of Immigrants.

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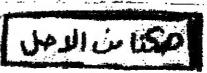
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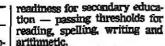


Call to use lotteries to select pupils for schools

Donald MacLeod

CHILDREN should be cho-sen for popular schools by lottery to prevent "pushy middle class parents" manipulating admissions rules,

an educationist says today. Alan Smithers, professor of education at Manchester unieducation at Manchester uni-versity, suggests pupils should schools operating Nation" is a century-old rallyhave to obtain a certificate of backdoor social selection.



If a school received too many applications, all its places should be randomly allocated.

Professor Smithers, one of researchers. believes this ing cry.

deregulation and privatisation of industries and a great extension of ownership of houses, shares and savings quite a lot of stakeholding in fact." It would be a gamble to

elect Mr Blair. whatever the polls said, she insisted. But the bulk of Lady Thatcher's lecture, and its main thrust, was directed the country's leading towards the internal party battle and the danger of the

With Mr Major away in Paris attending the memorial Home Affairs Editor service for France's socialist

president, Francois Mitter-rand, it fell to his deputy, Michael Heseltine, and the party chairman. Brian Ma-whinney, to insist that Lady secretary, challenged Mr Major "finally after five years Thatcher acolytes insisted she had been on her best be-Thatcher's real message was her "devastating" attack on Mr Blair, his newly-unveiled "stakeholder society" and zest for high taxes, Europe and constititutional change.

she had been on her best be-haviour, but the ministers Lady Thatcher singled out for praise were — apart from Mr Major — those rightingers she had invited to be present, Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley, Michael Howard and the lead-archin schel, John Redwood Understandably, Dr Mawhinney also saw it as a unity speech. "Baroness Thatcher ership rebel, John Redwood. has underlined again why

only our party and our government can be trusted to provide the freedom and choice for individuals on which depend job creation, increasing personal prosperbefore deriding "misty talk ity and wealth. about boosting communities and community values" Mr Redwood also defended

his heroine from "malice aforethought" in the timing of her speech, a quietly delivthrough state action when it should be voluntary. As for stakeholding, she

ered tribute to her own menhad delivered the goods, she said. "Reform of the public fitor, Lord Joseph. Admirers ruefully admitted that Lady Thatcher would be surprised nances was matched by reform of the trade unions. at overnight media reporting. "Is she naive or egotistical?" asked one MP.

· Labour has opened up a 39.5 point lead ahead of the Tories in an opinion poll published in today's Daily Tele-graph. More than 1,000 electors were interviewed between January 3 and 8 in

100 districts nationwide. The results showed support for Labour at 60.5 per cent with 21 per cent backing the Tories. The Liberal Demo-

crats are at 14.5 per cent.

HE Government lifted the threat of imminent destitution for 13,000

Alan Travis

asylum seekers last night but announced that from next month new applicants who fail to make a claim as soon as they arrive in Britain will

lose their right to claim benefits. The Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, told the Commons he was pressing ahead with his plans despite a highly critical report from the Government's advisory committee which warned yesterday that they were "poten-tially racially divisive" and would not achieve the

claimed savings of £200 million a year. The announcement repre-sented a U-turn over a policy "designed to smoke out Labour" and which was announced with fanfares at the

Conservative Party conference in October. The Refugee Council and the Churches had made preparations to set up emergency shelters and feeding centres in anticipation of thousands of asylum seekers ending up

on the streets when the benefit changes were brought into effect. The social security advi-

sory committee, chaired by General Sir Thomas Boyd-Carpenter, backed their assessment. "We do not believe that it is acceptable that solu-

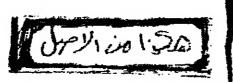
readiness for secondary educa-

Towards the end there was tough attack on "Old Labour" and on Mr Blair whom she has previously praised, "by instinct a man of the left", she said last night

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to make up his mind".

keen to co-opt the phrase for Labour, he was delighted. Robin Cook, shadow foreign



NEWS 3 Health service faces lethal cocktail of problems, BMA chairman warns

Government attacked over bed and staff shortages and community care 'failure'

Chris Mihill ledical Correspondent

SHORTAGE of bostal beds has combined with staff shortages. a misplaced Government policy on waiting lists and a failure of community care to produce "a potentially lethal cocktail of problems" in the National Health Service, the chairman of the British Medi-Association said cal yesterday. Dr Sandy Macara revealed

that some hospitals had come close to treating patients on the floor after running out of trolleys as well as beds during peak periods of the latest admissions crisis over Christmas and the New Year. One hospital was reduced to treating patients in ambu-lances parked outside the unit, and many others had cancelled routine surgery to cope with emergency admis-sions. Some family doctors

were spending hours on the telephone trying to get their patients admitted to medical or surgical wards. The BMA said a consistent rundown of beds over recent

years had left the hospital system unable to cope with seasonal fluctuations in admissions caused by flu, falls, respiratory problems and other winter illnesses. Some units faced staff shortages, so even where beds were available they could not be used through a lack of trained personnel. Many

"acute" beds -- used for medi-cal and surgical cases -- were being blocked by elderly pa-tients or the mentally ill because they could not be sent home due to a lack of care in the community. In other cases the Govern

ment's drive to reduce waiting lists was distorting prioritles, so that emergency patients had to wait on trolleys while non-urgent pasector tients had operations in order to meet waiting list targets.

The worst cases Edinburgh & Southern Scotland Three hospitals stopped non-emergency operations because of nurse shortages C Lothian Health Board reported 20% increase in smergency admissions on previous year * * * * # * # * * MAX * # * * * Queen's University Hospital, Nottingham Funding problems closed wards and stopped non-smergency. operations for three weeks South Wales C A&E departments full or shut at four hospitals One GP told no bed available in the whole of South Wales ------Whipps Cross Hospital, East London Ran out of trolleys one night in the Accident and Emergency Dept. South West London 22% increase in admissions to A&E over last year 26 patients on trolleys in one A&E department. Patients treated in ambuiances at one hospital Creaking under the strain of shortages, hospitals like St Helier have to keep non-emergency patients in casualty wards

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cil meeting heard a list of chester, Leeds, Bradford, Liv-complaints from consultants erpool, Sheffield, Birming-and GPs, who called on the ham. Nottingham and Health Secretary, Stephen throughout London. One consultant in Notting-Dorrell, to take action "to rectify the severe and prolonged ham dealt with 95 emergency admissions in one day; at the St Helier Hospital, Carshalbed crisis in the acute Bed shortages were high ton, Surrey, 25 patients were lighted in Scotland, Wales, put on trolleys in the accident surgery, meant fewer beds

The BMA at its latest coun- Bristol, Southampton, Man- and emergency department | were needed.

£3bn bonanza for Woolwich savers

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and some patients were According to BMA figures, | in community care - there's 9,000 acute beds have been closed in England over the treated in ambulances. Mr Dorrell said there were enough beds, but they needed to be managed effectively. The fall in bed numbers over recent years had happened because modern medicine,

community neglect masquer-ading as community care. past five years, and 31.000 since 1964. The total number of beds dropped from 335,000 There are not enough resources Dr Macara said in the in 1984 to 212,000 in 1984/95. short-term money needed to Dr Macara said: "There is a shortage of staff because so be found to open more beds, but in the longer term a more

'It's quite frightening. So much is happening. You are terrified you will miss something crucial.

been able to empty casualty

fast enough." Under such pressure, the hospital is having to impro-

vise. Patients frequently spend

two or three days in casualty

beds as there is no room in general wards. Some even

Currently, 13 patients are

occupying beds on balconies

and in rest rooms normally

used for watching television.

"I wouldn't call that unsafe

but it's certainly not satisfac

tory," Dr Maxwell said. Robin Orchard, St Heller's

medical director and a prac-

tising consultant, blames the

shortage of beds on three fac tors: an ageing and increas-ingly frail population; a grow-

rend for patients to spend

longer in hospital before they

It is this last factor that doc

tors find most frustrating, as

the increased length of stay is

largely due to non-medical reasons. In particular, the lack

of outside support - either

from social services or from

families — often forces the

hospital to care for patients

longer than necessary. "It's infuriating. We are

spending vast amounts on

keeping people as in-patients

when they are perfectly fit to go home." Dr Orchard said.

During his ward round yes

terday, Dr Maxwell examined

taking up beds that could be

used by others. Staff are distressed to see

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leep overnight on trolleys.

Edward Pilkington

WO days before the new year, south London expe rienced heavy rain. That same day, partly as a result. St Helier hospital in Carshalton, Surrey, experienced a deluge.

The rain froze, making roads and pavements treacherous. By early morning the hospital's casualty ward had begun to receive a stream of people who had slipped on the ice, spraining muscles and breaking bones.

The stream turned into a flood and, at its peak one day 95 patients arrived - much faster than the hospital could cope. The system ground to a halt. ing tendency for GPs to refer patients to hospital; and the Before long. St Helier's ca-

sualty ward was full and there were no beds on other wards to which patients could be off-loaded. At the height of crisis, several patients

had to be left on trolleys. Worse, others had to be left in the ambulances which had brought them to hospital because there was no room in casualty which, in turn, paralysed the ambulance service.

As congestion spread, about 30 people had to be left waiting in the cold where they had fallen on the pavement because all the local ambulances were out of action. Nobody at St Heller would claim that December 30 -

50 people. He estimated at least 20 had no medical when 322 patients were seen was an ordinary day. It was a freak occurrence which recurs perhaps once every five or six years. But doctors, nurses and

the standards of care they provide being eroded by facmanagers are concerned that it was a symptom of a serious tors outside their control. underlying malaise. Suzan Thompson, a casualty

St Helier, a rambling white sister, said that she feared building, is one of the hospi-tals with the best resources in making mistakes. "It's quite frightening at times. So much the region. Staffing levels are is happening at once — pa tients needing help, relatives relatively high and a new, 68bed ward has recently opened, bringing the total demanding attention, agencies asking for information - that

number of beds to 660. None the less, it is bursting at the seams because of a rising intake of patients. Over the past three months, admissions have risen by almost a third on last year. "It's en crazv." said Paul

you are terrified you will miss something crucial." St Helier's nurses and doc tors are taking each day at a time. They hope the logjam will be cleared by better com-

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More than 3 million members of the Wool-wich, one of Britain's oldest building societies, will tail the exact size of any dis-tribution, but said the average member could expect to receive between £500 and take part in a £3 billion share £750, with many savers bonanza next year, giving them a typical windfall of receiving well over £1,000. However, customers with deposit accounts, pension ac-counts, current accounts, life £1,000 each The third largest building society and fifth largest mortpolicies, unit trusts, unsecured loans and general in-surance policies will receive gage lender yesterday announced plans to become a bank. The decision to float the

nothing. The 30,000 customers who Woolwich on the stock ex-change was taken two days rushed to cash in on the wellsignalled flotation by opening accounts this year will also after its new chief executive, Peter Robinson, took control --- although it had been dismiss out on the windfall, although the society was unre-pentant at denying them a cussed for some months. The society's 3.5 million payout. Mr Robinson said: "I have no conscience about not savers with at least £100 in their accounts and 550,000

nfranchising carpet baggers." He added that account borrowers with an outstanding balance of the same on December 31, 1995, will receive a opening activity had increased by a factor of 20 amid rumours that the Woolwich basic distribution of free shares. Savers will receive additional shares based on their was going to change its balances on a date in the status.

future which will be The society said catalytic (be building societies around announced. The society declined to de no alternative but to follow Woolwich's decision will the Abbey National, Halifax, Leeds Permanent, Cheltenham & Gloucester and National & Provincial and abandon its mutual status.

Mr Robinson said: "It may seem odd that most major societies are shedding their traditional status which has served them so well for more than 100 years. But a flat housing market combined with oversupply has reduced mortgages to commodities where price is everything." The Alliance & Leicester is tipped to be the next to con-vert, but a spokesman said yesterday that it would not be rushed into a decision.

Adrian Coles, director gen-eral of the Building Societies Association, strongly denied that the Woolwich's move signalled the end of building societies, even though fewer than 50 are expected to survive into the next century. Mr Coles said: "There will

have no impact on the future of many strong mutuals such as the Nationwide, Derby-shire and Northern Rock." However, if the Alliance &

with procedures such as day

Leicester follows the Wool-wich, then building societies will account for less than a quarter of the mortgage mar-ket they once controlled. UBS building society ana-lyst Rob Thomas predicted: "The game is up and societies

have only themselves to blame. They wanted to be-have like PLCs fattening themselves up with big prof-its. Now their customers are demanding their share." The Woolwich, which al-

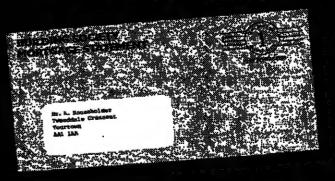
ready operates lending sub-sidiaries in France and Italy, said it wished to raise capital through a market flotation to fund further acquisitions at home and abroad.

Alliance tipped to follow Woohwich, Notebook, page 1 Pay no legal fees if you call Direct Line now.

many youngsters are fed up. fundamental review of bed Maxwell, a general medical is a privilege for which they registrar. "We just haven't rarely get the time.

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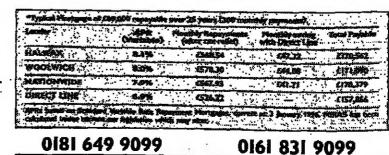
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Hope rises for deal on IRA arms

on decommissioning, the had been told of Sinn Fein's als before next week's publi-issue that is delaying the start proposals last month but cation, Mr Mitchell will meet of all-party talks on the future refused to be drawn on the Irish Prime Minister. Patrick Wintour and David Sharrock issue that is delaying the start of all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland. whether he endorsed the idea. Describing his meeting with Mr Major, Mr Mitchell said: "We had a very good, productive and informative SENATOR George Mitch-ell, chairman of the international_body on Sinn Fein disclosed on Wednesday that it was willing to countenance decommisdecommissioning IRA arms, left a 75-minute briefing ses-sion at Downing Street last night saying he remained hopeful of publishing his long-awaited report by next sioning IRA arms, so long as the IRA did the decommisdiscussion." sioning itself, subject to inde-pendent verification. The pro-posal drew an initial warm welcome from the Ulster Unionists on Wednesday, but He refused to be drawn on whether he supported an IRA start to decommissioning be-fore the commencement of allparty talks, saying: "We are Thursday's deadline. Downing Street, also in up-beat mood, said it had heard trying very hard to do someby yesterday morning the party's security spokesman, Ken Magginnis, had reverted thing constructive in a complex and difficult situation." nothing from the US senator which could pose a problem, suggesting all sides may be to outright hostility. Mr Mitchell, speaking outin a final round of talks, designed to secure support side Downing Street, said he | from all sides for his proposedging towards an agreement

John Bruton, today. He will see Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, at the weekend.

Downing Street said John Major would be relaxed if Mr Mitchell decided he needed extra time to complete his

work It also restated the longstanding British position that a start to IRA decommissioning was necessary before Sinn Fein could be allowed to enter all-party talks.

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Introduced to the Party by her friend Barbara Follett, Vivienne Westwood has set about breathing new life into New Labour, and her Spring "Stakeholder" collection is already catching on.

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The Guardian Friday January 12 1996

'Our analysis was not wrong . . . the view put about by malcontents as to why the Tories are in trouble is baloney'



Ex-premier says party is unpopular because the middle class. and those aspiring to join it, are no longer offered the incentives which they expect. Michael White on

a kevnote speech





Sharing the faith . . . in her speech Lady Thatcher praised by name four leading rightwingers — John Redwood, Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley and Michael Howard

No regrets . . . Lady Thatcher dismissed 'no nation' pro-European Conservatism and supported tax and spending cuts

Keep to the right, warns Thatcher

Blair dismissed as 'gut socialist'

night coupled a vindi-cation of her own political career as the woman who changed Britain irreversibly during the 1980s with an unmistakable warning to John Major to stick to Thatcherite fundamentals if he wants to prevent new Labour seizing power at the coming election.

In her first domestic policy speech in Britain since leaving office five years aco. the former prime minister lambasted Tony Blair as an unre-constructed socialist — "he is. as his record shows, by instinct a man of the left" whose gut instincts were for state intervention.

She was also careful to praise Mr Major by name along with gushing support for key rightwingers Michael Portillo. Peter Lilley, John Redwood and Michael Howard. But her passing reference to the Chancellor of the Exchequer - "I welcome his determination to bring public

insisted ADY Thatcher last | Hes. At one point in her Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture, she dismissed pro-European "No-Nation Conservatism", and in the core passage of her speech aligned herself with the taxand spending cuts wings of her party. "The Conservative Party has problems not because our analysis has been wrong or our principles faulty. Our difficulties are rowing and taxation?" due to the fact that, in certain limited but important respects, our policies and performance have not lived up to

our analysis and principles," she told an adulatory audience of invited guests. "That is why the current idea, put around by some mal-contents, that the Conserva-tive Party is in trouble be-

cause it has moved to the ties", disagree profoundly. right — and that this is what They attribute the high levels needs to be remedied — is ba- of tax and borrowing — as of tax and borrowing - as high as it was under Labour in 1979 - to the self-defeating

"And Denis might be able to suggest a still more telling description," Lady Thatcher nature of the Thatcherite model, in the shape of higher memployment and deep pov-In unabashed terms which erty for the bottom end of will delight her admirers and

society. Lady Thatcher, who had begun her address with a long infuriate critics, she contin-ued: "The test is simple, Just ask yourself: Is it because the and moving tribute to her po-Government has not spent, litical and intellectual mentor - the former cabinet minis-ter, Lord Joseph, who died borrowed and taxed enough that people are discontented? last year - acknowledged that "we made mistakes in fi-Or is it because we have gone too far towards increasing government spending, bornancial management by allowing the economy to over-heat" in the late 80s, an oblique reference to her feud

According to Lady Thatcher, "the answer is ob-vious. We are unpopular over monetary policy with the then Chancellor. Nigel above all because the middle classes, and all those who as-Lawson. But she chose last night to highlight earlier successes, pire to join the middle classes, feel that they no

longer have the incentives when taxes, borrowing and and opportunities they expect the share of GDP taken by the from a Conservative govern-ment." What she calls malcontents, "socialists of all par-

John Major has not been in-

vited because organisers

What works here, as else fronted with the sort of choice where, is free enterprise, and you face in government, declnot big government. So it would make no economic sense at all for us to move closer to the policies of our opponents," she warned before tackling Mr Blair.

Lady Thatcher said she would not impugn the Labour leader's motives. "But what about the party he leads? The Labour Party may have changed many of its policies. but it hasn't changed its spots. You can tell this from profits are mentioned. "There is still virtually

nothing that Labour spokes men wouldn't spend more taxpayers money on." As for Mr Blair, "all sorts of

worthy people believe that Mr Blair in office would control his party, and not they him. But this would be a large gamble to take. Moreover, Mr Blair is not only human; he is state fell briefly to 34 per cent and debt was actually repaid. Blair is not only human; ne so also, as his record shows, by instinct a man of the left. Con-

sions which offen go unmentioned in the manifestos, it is

ts which count' stin pressure — she continued: "The pressures to solve probpanacea. But what about his heart, and indeed his gut?"

oration, taken from her favourite Kinling poem, Lady Thatcher attacked Labour federalism as well as its devo-lution plans. "Suspicion that Labour government would in practice become too soft a touch on public spending are compounded by all the misty talk about boosting communi-ties and community values," she added.

Replete with references to Pericles, Cicero and Erasmus, s well as more familiar he roes like Hayek, Cobden and Adam Smith, Lady Thatcher's lecture bore the imprint of hands other than her own.

Poetic reference to Runnymede

der plays, Across the reeds at RUDYARD Kipling was not necessarily thinking of Lady Thatcher when he Runnymede mood of kines wrote in another poem, uchlike things, Recessional: Lo, all our pomp of yesterday Is one with Nineveh and brines But he would not have been deceived by her selec-Runnvmede: tive quotation of his slightly more doggerel Runnymede. In her onslaught on Eurofederalism, she quoted: You mustn't sell, delay, deny A freeman's right or liberty. or blame It wakes the stubborn

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'Eighties idol' snubbed as Redwood is invited to summit

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The foundation also de clined to invite Mr Gingrich's ideological idol. Lady Thatcher, "She was the 1980s

the prime minister's gut in-Having earlier described the job as that of "chief stoker" — keeping up the

lems and assuage demands by more public spending, inter-vention and controls can become almost irresistible, ever spots. You can tell this from for an instinctives free mar-the unpleasant noises it ketzer. Mr Blair may believe makes when anything like in his head that government spending is not the universal

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There - exposed - may be the brute subtext of her lecture: King John's barons as the Tory right, seizing

cent of GDP" - was coupled with no praise for any minister to the left of Mr Howard. It eloquently underlined the bostility Lady Thatcher feels

tionary political leaders' from around the world. Mr Redwood will be the sole towards the "One Nation"

Jonathan Freedland

in Washington

Newt Gingrich In a Wash-ington summit of "revolumonths.

British representative at a Toryism invoked by Major- January 22 forum convened | spokesman for the founda- | said Mr O'Donnell.

second Washington meeting between Mr Redwood and Mr Gingrich within a few

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Patrick Wintour, Chief **Political Correspondent**

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ARSHALLING all the in-dividual talents of the

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the year 3000," said the Robin Harris, John Whitting dale MP, ex-aide Charles Powell, and journalist Simon The meeting aims to chart a Heffer were being mentioned last night at Westminster.

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Kipling: selective quotes

Sea air fails to agree with

Lancashire civil servants

mede as anything but a potential cricket pitch. Poetry, as Kipling could have warned her, is a me-dium designed to reveal the truth as well as expose the ridiculous.

Opposition set to rescue divorce law shake-up

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspond

HE unlikely saviour of the Government's plans to shake up the divorce laws appeared in the guise of the Opposition last night, as the shadow Lord Chancellor said he expected the majority of Labour peers to support the the reforms.

Lord Irvine of Lairg was backing the new Family Law Bill as it entered its commit-of Tony Blair and tipped to be

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to a savage attack by Tory eers who fear it will under mine the status of marriage. His support of the reforms, which will end "quickie" di-vorces and introduce the concept of "no fault" divorce, was a subtle message that the Tory rightwingers opposing legislation, in the Lorda and the Commons, should not

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"does not in practice make have tabled an amendment proposing 18 months or two divorce easier. On the con rary it strengthens the insti-Government business mantution of marriage much more than the present law."

agers yesterday moved swiftly to play down sugges-tions that Lord Mackay has The rearguard campaign threatened against the bill in the Lords, led by Baroness bowed to pressure by being prepared to extend the mini-Young, involves some 200 amendments, including one mum waiting time from 12 months to 18 months.

designed to sweep away the plan for "no fault" divorce by reintroducing adultery and unreasonable behaviour as In the Lords, Lord Mackay stressed: "As far as I am concerned, the position is that the Government's policy on rounds for divorce. the period remains at one year." But he made it clear that he would "listen care-Although the Government

has imposed a two-line whip for the bill's committee stage in the Lords, the Lord Chan-cellor, Lord Mackay, has fully to all that is said in Parliament Lord Irvine criticised calls pledged that peers will be to extend the period for reflec-tion to 18 months or more, saying this would merely exallowed a free vote on the more sensitive elements of

the legislation. Among these are claus cerbate bitterness and hostility between the marriage partners and the trauma felt seven of the bill, which relates to the 12 months of by children. reflection and consider-

Baroness Young told the Lords that marriage had to be ation" required before a div-orce is granted. At the moment couples have to wait two buttressed.

tee stage in the House of Lord Chancellor in a Labour years, except in "quickie" di-Lords, where it was subjected administration, said the bill vorces, but the Tory rebels Pilot schemes will smooth way to matrimony

> THE Government is to fund pilot schemes to prepare couples for marriage in an attempt to stem the rising tide of divorces, writes Clare Dyer.

The announcement came as the Lord Chancellor. Lord Mackay, faced fierce opposition last night from peers and bishops in the de-bate on his Family Law Bill, which removes the concept of fault from div-

A spokeswoman for the Lord Chancellor said he was pledging hundreds of thousands of pounds to try out schemes designed

reduce the number and cost of marriage breakdowns. These would include marriage preparation projects and methods of encourag-ing couples whose mar-

riages hit trouble to go for counselling early enough to save the relationship.

Organisations such as Relate will be invited to bid for contracts to carry out pilot projects. Relate already does some marriage preparation counselling where the demand exists, but few couples are aware of the service.

The proposal comes from the interdepartmental working party on mar-riage, set up last July to identify couples' needs for

guidance and support. Announcing the move in the Lords yesterday. Lord Mackay said the working party wanted to encourage innovation and variety, because one service would not suit the needs of every couple.

He added: "The Govern ment will consider bids for the funding of pilot projects in areas with particular po-tential for reducing the in-cidence and costs of mar-riage breakdown."

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

THE most sickness-prone civil servants evidently work at the Land Registry office in Lytham St Anne's on the Lancashire coast. On average 15 days a year are lost by every member of staff there — double the num-

ber lost in the Land Registry's London offices and more than 50 per cent above national av-

erage level in the Civil Service. A National Audit Office report singles out the Land Registry, which handles prop-erty titles, as having the second worst record of sickness leave in government. It

is just beaten by driving test examiners, who on average Altogether five million are double the national level. The report discloses a num-£419 million.

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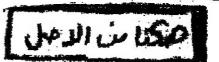
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The report concludes that the Land Registry has im-proved its record in handling sick leave over the past three years. It puts much of the blame for the big increase on balle for the big increase on the workload of the registry between 1988 and 1991. The improvement has been helped by new methods of working aimed at making the job less boring.

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Management of Sickness Absence in HM Land Registry: Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General, HMSO, £8.15



child, not just an elite few, One nation where welfare to work policies give everybody the opportunity to be self-reli-

sion is at the core of Tony ant He argued that Labour, un-Blair's call for a stakeholder like the Tories, recognised economy, the shadow educathat "we either tackle the tion and employment secreissue of social exclusion and a deeply divided society, or we tary, David Blunkett, said yesterday in a speech depreside over the disintegrasigned to put further flesh on tion of the fabric of commu-Labour's "big idea".

Mr Blunkett sought to refute renewed Tory claims nity or society. "Social cohesion and a that Mr Blair's embrace of the sense of identity and belonging are crucial in a society which is not only civilised stakeholder society, in a speech in Singapore on Mon-day, revealed that Labour inbut which works in the intertended to hand back power to

ests of all". the corporatist institutions, Concern for social cohesion, in which everyone has a In a speech in Nottingham, stake in the society, would be "of benefit to the individual Mr Blunkett made no referand to society as a whole". ence to the unions, but instead argued that Mr Blair's But Labour's concern for social cohesion did not imply speech showed that Labour

technology, globalisation or the changing nature of the agencies. labour market. Full employment, he argued, was only possible if Britain again became a competitive nation by investing in its workforce and offering

"To achieve our goals, however, we need a quantum leap - firstly in the appreciation of the enormity of the problems facing us, and secondly in breaking down old think-ing and outdated mechanisms for achieving our objectives. He called for an end to the bamboo curtains between government spending, so that the current sum spent on keeping people on the dole queue or in poverty was spent

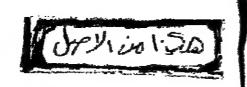
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was the only one nation party | that it underestimated the im- | Leeds city council, designed — "One nation with higher | plications of information | to bring together employ-education standards for every | technology, globalisation or | ment, training and henefits

ing the experiments in specialist schools and colleges already established in areas of France and elsewhere in Europe, to end the threat of whole generations being ex-cluded from the economic and social life of the nation. In the Commons, the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, ridiculed the stake holder economy concept as a

meaningless soundbite. The Liberal Democrats claimed that Labour had once again stolen one of its own key initiatives. The party pointed to its own Dahrendorf commis-

ment, training and benefits He proposed that "educa tion and employment zones' should be set up in areas of high unemployment mirror new learning opportunities.



BRITAIN 5 Princess sides



gained further valuable evi-dence of the difficulties faced Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent by so many vulnerable young

Mr Flynn commented last HE Princess of Wales created fresh political controversy yesterday night: "I an delighted to have the princess's support as it will help to bring attention to this neglected group of young neonle when she appeared to side with two Labour MPs who attacked the Governpeople." ment's treatment of young

In his speech, Mr Hinchliffe people leaving care. Paul Flynn, MP for New-port West, sent the princess a attacked government proposals to introduce "boot camps for young offenders.

"I become angry when I hear the latest proposals from the Home Office — the tough approach, going back to the copy of the Hansard report of a Commons debate in which he and a colleague, David Hinchliffe, MP for Wakefield. accused ministers of "cold cynicism" for cutting the short sharp shock treatment that was such a miserable failure." he said. "paltry" benefits payments made to impoverished young

Tory MPs have aready been angered by a recent speech by the princess in which she aprick Jephson, replied that the peared to attack the Govern-ment's homelessness record, ess's sentiments were The latest episode will add to Tory qualms about granting third Labour MP. Frank Cook, and describing the her wish of a prominent dip-lomatic role abroad.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said the princess's secretary had simply sent the MP a polite acknowledgment without any intention of involving her in a political debate.

thank Mr Flynn for taking the trouble to write and to send However, one Tory MP, Peter Luff, said the best way the princess could help young her "warm good wishes". He added: "As you know, people was by doing "some-thing more effective to keep Her Royal Highness takes a keen interest in the subject of your speech, from which she her own family together

Pole-bound . . . The team selected to walk to the magnetic North Pole carry their route map to the New North Pole pub in Kensington, west London, yesterday. They leave in April on charity walk from Resolute Bay in Canada, co-led by David Hempleman-Adams, the first Briton to walk solo and unsupported to the South Pole

Hostage ploy in £5m post office raid

Armed gang frightens worker into opening door for robbery

Duncan Campbell Crime Corresponder

Alex Bellos

HE leader of Newbury

council yesterday de-scribed attempts to start

building the town's bypass as

"a shambles" after work was suspended for the third day in

a row. Keith Lock, a Liberal Demo-

crat, called for more security guards and a heavier police

presence to stop protesters from disrupting construction. Work was abandoned yester-day after two hours when 30 people put themselves in

front of a digger. Mr Lock said: "Something has got to be done. The whole

operation has been pretty in-effective. The contractors

may have to change their tac-tics. I think in the end police may have to take a stronger line."

RMED robbers yes-terday stole up to \$5 million by convincworker they had taken his wife and children hostage. Police were last night hunting a gang of four men armed ith shotguns and a handgun

The robbery began at 4.40pm on Wednesday when a counter staff worker on a break from the Cambridge Road post office in the centre of Hastings, East Sussex, was approached in the street by a The worker was shown a photograph of his own wife and children and was told they had been taken hostage and were being held by associates. He was told to co-oper-



ate with the robbery if he did | sions and social security pay- | not want them harmed. ments was then seized. It is At 8.10pm, the worker, havbelieved up to 25 million unbarmed. ing unsuccessfuly tried to contact his wife, admitted could have been taken. Has-tings has a lot of pensioners, Police mounted an armed operation on the post office four balaclava-clad robbers to worker's home but the family unemployed people and single the post office. Two were armed with shotguns and a third with a handgun. Three parents were found safe and well and The robbers left in a lightunaware of any attempt to coloured Luton van after tellcontact them. members of staff were bound, two of them with handcuffs. ing the staff that an associate still had the family held hos-Detective Superintendent Paul Westwood of Susser tage. A member of staff man-Money intended for penpolice said the post office

'Shambles' halts bypass work

growing in Newbury at the

the 10,000 trees on the nine

mile route have been

Pressure is mounting on Blackwells, the site clearers contracted by the Highways

Agency, as they are working on a two months' deadline -

a European Union directive on bird habitats bans felling

trees during the breeding sea-son from mid-March to

The cat and mouse game be-tween protesters and contrac-tors shifted yesterday to the northern end of the bypass,

uprooted.

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He added that anger was in dribs and drabs. At least a cowing in Newbury at the dozen ran through a line of

perceived incompetence of security guards, causing the road builders. After three some injuries, and blocked

days of work on the £100 mil-lion project, only about 50 of was suspended.

where a digger moved in just before dawn. It was spotted about an hour later and by sam protesters were arriving people slipping."

operating with the robbers. "The guns certainly looked

real to the staff involved who were extremely frightened by what happened," he said. The man who made the ini-

tial approach was described as aged between 30 and 35, about aft 11in to 6ft tall, stocky with short dark hair under a plain red baseball cap. He had a darkish complexion and was clean shaven. It is not clear if he was a member of the gang that carried out the actual raid

One robber was described as being in his 30s, of stocky build and with ginger eye-brows. The robber carrying the handgun was said to be 5ft 8in tall, of medium build and

Police are anxious to trace

nesses to the raid, which took place when many people were in the area. Security video cameras are being studied. • Armed robberies in the London area have fallen to a 10-year low, according to figures published yesterday Last year, 597 armed rob-beries were recorded in the capital — a 12 per cent fall compared with the 1994 total of 679 offences — and well

head of Scotland Yard's organised crime group, said the figures were a tribute to the forts of his officers. "These crimes have been driven wn by the she

Holloway inmate chained in labour may sue Howard

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

MANNETTE", the Holloway prisoner kept in chains while in hospi-NNETTE". tal to give birth, may sue the

Home Secretary. She is expected to meet sup-porters and legal advisers today to decide whether to aunch a legal action against Michael Howard Annette's supporters be

lieve that her letters describing the humiliation and mis-ery she suffered during her pregnancy give strong grounds for launching a case for assault and battery - or for "degrading and inhumane punishment" in the European courts. One avenue being explored is for her to sue Mr Howard for personal injury

nan for the Prisoners' Advice Service said that based on the published evidence there could be several courses of

legal action open to her. The Prison Reform Trust said it knew of three other recent cases in which seri-ously ill Holloway prisoners were chained during hospital visits. One woman was receiving chemotherapy for cancer, the second had dysen-

tery and the third pleurisy. A Prison Service spokes-woman said a risk assessment was carried out on all prisoners before hospital treatment. It determined whether they went with only an escort and whether they needed to be chained or handcuffed. In all cases restraints were removed once treatment began. She said a prisoner receiv-

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by controversial, holiday company

Michael Ellison on

OARDINGS were being plastered yes-terday with advertisements aimed at appealing to the basest instincts of Britain's youth.

"Meet pleasant young-sters and chitter-chatter about popular music?" is the enticing prospect of-fered by one. "Jolly japes, sunny skies and friendly folk!" is the threat con tained in another. A third Then, its posters showed a man in boxer shorts insists: "Put on your trend-

under the heading: Girls, jest clothes and dance to the disco beat!" Club 18-30 seemed to have taken to heart the res-

thority said it was "offen-sive and irresponsible" and banned the campaign. This time the firm and its



npproach. Music. Our holidays are But a line at the bottom of like a fortnight of Saturday the new posters hints it has not lost its touch entirely. "For our real advertise-ments see Sky magazine, Loaded, Company and selected cinemas." The February editions of Sky (readership: young, trendy, possibly gay), Loaded (youngish, lads)

John Chapman of Mott MacDonald, the company supervising the digging, said:

"We were able to work safely for a period of time. We have

cleared a number of trees. It was a joint decision between

the contractors and ourselves

to stop in the interests of safety."

surprised, by the largely

peaceful nature of the demonstration so far. Simon Festing, of Friends

of the Earth, said: "We have been confrontational, but not violent. Most of the injuries

and Company (young, sex-obsessed, girls) reveal the true intentions of the £450,000 mission to inform. One says: "Holiday forecast Damp, followed by wet patches." The next goes for the cryptic approach with: "Gobble, gobble." Others say: "One swallow doesn't make a summer" and:

"Something deep inside her said she'd come again." Can We Interest You In A Package Holiday? The Ad-Becky Impey, Club 18-30's marketing manager, vertising Standards Ausaid: "I think it's dead clever and it will appeal to our audience. The average

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tainment, clothes and music. Our holidays are nights and for lots of people that means drinking and meeting people of the oppo-site sex." The company sold 100,000 holidays last year, priced between £129 and £500. Dominic Mills, editor of Campaign, the advertising industry magazine, said: "It's very difficult to get your message noticed and you either have to shout louder, which is what they

This week's incidents have

also marked a turning point

in attitudes to security guards, and in particular, to

the police, who have gone out of their way to appear impar-tial. We are praising the

police conduct," said Mr Fest-But he added that he was expecting the battle to be-come flercer in the weeks to

"Things have got to change.

We are working on the strategy of being more pro-active,

There must be a time when

they try a serious attempt to gst going." A spokesman for the High-

ways Agency said: "The con-tractor has been in position for not that long. He is still

mobilising his troops. There is no loss of face."

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Protesters and legal observ-ers are pleased, and a little will be adapting their tactics.

probably did last year in-discriminately, or they use the posters as a tease, which is quite clever." Grahame Fowler, the

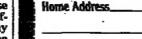
standards authority's spokesman, said: "Their cheeky or sleazy innuendo is restricted to titles whose readers wouldn't be offended, but that's not to say they're acceptable. If the ASA receives a high body of complaints, we'll act to advertising agency, Saatchi | age of our people is 22 ... | have them withdrawn."

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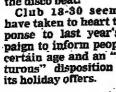


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ponse to last year's campaign to inform people of a certain age and an "adventurous" disposition about

The Guardian Friday January 12 1996 **6 WORLD NEWS** 'Only passivity is dishonourable'

In the first of a series of reports focusing on the untold stories and hidden calamities of the war in the former Yugoslavia, Ed Vulliamy talks to retired French general Philippe Morillon, one-time United Nations commander in Sarajevo and of Nato's Rapid Reaction Force — a man who, as he says, left his heart in the destroyed safe haven of Srebrenica



N THE very day that the peace treaty ending Bosnia's war was signed in Paris, last December 14, one of the more flambovant characters to emerge from the carnage ended his own distinguished career as a soldier.

The figure of General Philippe Morillon had been etched into Bosnian history since his arrival in the enclave of Srebrenica, during the first bloody debacle in that town, which led to its subsequent, perverse designation as a "safe area" in spring 1993. He became an overnight hero; the main street was renamed in his honour.

The following July, Gen Morillon concluded his term as United Nations command-er in Sarajevo with a lunch at his sandbagged residence. Ricard and caviar were served, and in deep, De Gaulle-esque tones, Gen Morillon warned that only a decisive show of force from the West could forge a peace, otherwise Bosnia would become "a series of Gaza strips, ruled through fear". That show of force was still two more years away.

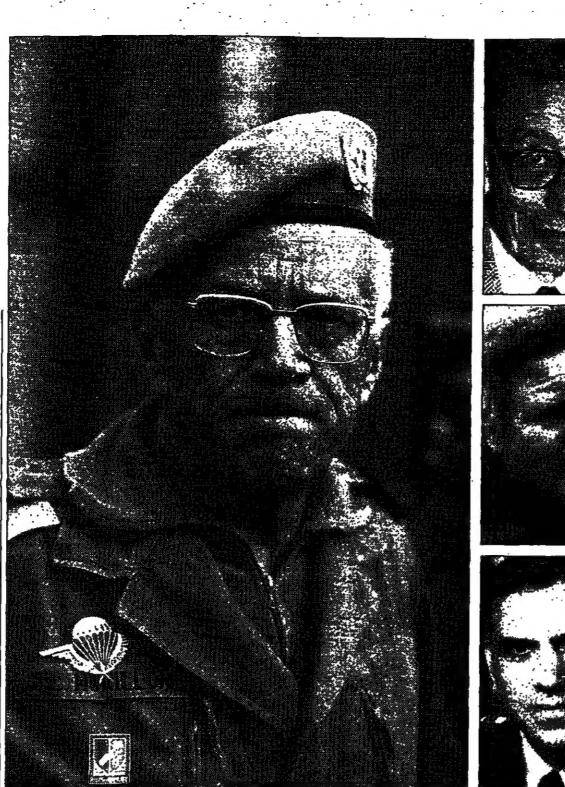
Gen Morillon is by far the highest-ranking military commander to utter such views. And in the interview he reveals his own efforts to carve a role for Nato through 'strictly unofficial" contacts with alliance commanders. Gen Morilion also describes for the first time his role as a guiding hand behind the de-ployment last summer of the Rapid Reaction Force, which, he confesses, he personally ordered to tear up its restrictive UN mandate and attack the Serbs — an escalation of

the UN's military role that led lirectly to Nato intervention last autumn and the Dayton agreement. Gen Morillon also says that

the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, confirmed to him at the time that the army of Serbia proper was fighting in Bosnia, in defiance of undertakings given to the international community.

Gen Morillon, a veteran of Algeria in the early 1960s, was a natural choice for a role in the UN's Balkan effort. He had spent two years with the Yugoslav army as an envoy from the French defence ministry, and knew many of its senior officers when it split into Croat, Bosnian and mainly — Serbian columns.

In October 1991, Gen Moril-lon was included in a secret seminar held in Metz by senior officers from the armed forces of the Western European Union, gathered to consider options for Croatia. The two-week session's recommendation to the Euroan Community and UN was for a "rapid reaction force", equipped with attack helicopters and tanks, and with a mandate to "assert its author-ity" and hold the ravaging of former Yugoslavia in check Today, speaking to the | through military force. expand the mandate. "I said Gen Morillon was an enthuwe must have a mandate for Bosnia ... We ware reacting blow by blow, without suffisiastic proponent of the report, but it was discarded cient liaison with New York and buried. Instead, Gen Morillon or the Community or even each other." The Unprofor HQ was moved from Sarajevo. found himself second-in-command to the Egyptian general Satish Nambiar at the UN Gen Morillon returned to the Bosnian capital in August 1992, with a mandate to open Protection Force (Unprofor) headquarters in Saraievo. chosen for its equidistance the airport and secure the hubetween Zagreb and Belgrade. manitarian aid bridge to Split. He was among those Gen Morillon was convinced



Man of action . . . General Morillon's stand in defending Srebrenica won respect but was ultimately futile. Supporting players in the general's drama included (top to bottom) Boutros Boutros Ghali, Colonel Bob Stewart, General George Joulwan

that "something totally differ-ent from traditional UN urging a broader brief to cover the whole of Bosnia The outcome was, he says, keeping" was required. When the Bosnian hurri-"not so bad - deliver humanitarian aid while estabcane began to blow. the Sarajevo team was faced with a lishing the practical condidecision either to evacuate or tions for the (Vance-Owen)

resolutions were, says Gen Morillon, "like the Koran — everything was there, including its contrary." But in terms of military authority, the mission was undersold. From retirement, Gen Mor-- "I had to wait for the ence

him "an absurd amount of time just to get sufficient ar-mour". To deploy adequate armoured vehicles in Sarajevo, he says - referring to the nadir of the French pres-

By contrast. Srebrenica,

the town, but it was not what | mandate, which was, strict be regarded as the solution. As far as I was concerned, it was a temporary expedient to protect the town until the immentation of the Vance-Owen plan. For Srebrenica to become an Indian reservation for two-and-a-half years was absolutely not what I had in mind." Gen Morillon had learned

early on who his main adversary would be. Upon taking command in Sarajevo, he pawned a cunning scheme to break the siege: to establish Unprofor's headquarters in the Serb-held suburb of Ilidza. Ilidza, he says, "was the gate-way to Sarajevo, key to the city. I did not want the air-port, I wanted Ilidza."

It was here that the Serbs were later to erect roadblocks which closed the tarmac aid route into the capital from Split, Mostar and the west, thereby tying the noose. Gen Morillon tempted and flattered the Bosnian Serb

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president, Radovan Karadzic, with the idea of quartering Unprofor in a Serbian neigh-

'It was constant arm-wrestling with Mladic. I once told him to remember that Napoleon ended up on the isle of Elba. He laughed'

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delighted at the prospect of the hard currency following in Unprofor's slipstream. But the plan was quashed by the one man who saw through it: Gen Mladic. 'It was constant arm-wres

tling with Mladic," says Gen Morillon. "I once told him to remember that Napoleon ended up on the isle of Elba. He laughed."

Such was Gen Mladic's authority, says Gen Morillon, that President Milosevic himelf was a hostage to the Bos nian Serb general. "He was his prisoner, and remained so until the summer of 1995." Gen Mladic enjoyed the loy-alty of not just the Bosnian

Serbs but the whole Serbian arnıy, Gen Morillon says. So the Serbian army was

definitely fighting in Bosnia, for all Mr Milosevic's undertakings about the Drina blockade that would throttle his Bosnian Serb brothers? "When I went to see Milose

vic", says Gen Morillon, spoke to him about this. He was obliged to admit to me that they were involved; he

he recalls, "a statement was made that the mission was only to protect our own soldiers. I was so angry. I shouted: 'if this is what they are there for, then withdraw them!"" The French general André Soubirou was commander of the force in the field. "I received Soubirou in my

to fire only in defence of UN

Back in Paris, Gen Morillon

had lost patience. He had long

argued for a Rapid Reaction

Force and, once deployed, it

was put under his command.

And it was Gen Morillon who made sure the force's rules of

engagement were broken. "When the force was sent

personnel when endangered.

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office," says Gen Morillon, "and I told him: 'don't be concerned about the rules of engagement. You have to estab-lish the tactical advantage. and use it. Say to your oppo-

that tank? See that battery? Now shoot me if you dare! That was what I did in my way at Srebrenica, and that

from the outside like a spectacular intervention from the

terms of what he thought needed to be done in Bosnia.

We were in regular contact," says Gen Morillon, "en-tirely unofficially — I was getting a lot of help from Border in Naples. We established an axis of unofficial links between our staff. He was also

providing me with US ma-rines. He was providing me with intelligence, but it was absolutely unofficial - it was simply a direct line between Philippe Morillon and Jim but with the help

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These were days during which Nato effectively sacked the UN leadership in Zagreb. overriding the UN's plea that air strikes cease. It looked sidelines, but Gen Morillon had already brought Nato in, long ago, by the back door. While he was commander in Sarajevo, Gen Morillon

recalls, "Nato was anxious to become more directly in-volved." The US admiral Jim Border was at that time the commander of Nato South, in Naples; he was also Gen Morillon's close friend and ally in

Guardian in his first important interview since retirement, Gen Morillon harshly critical of the UN mandate in Bosnia which he dismisses as a "a mandate of angel-ism - an illusion that the mere presence of UN soldiers with blue helmets and the blue flag would help to prevent the explosion." His men's rules of engagement were "a farce".

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But, he says, "there was a confusion of aims, between two ideas: we had to be impar-tial, and I was impartial. But not neutral. They are not the the way I understood my mission was to oppose everything to do with ethnic cleansing. We could mediate, but we had to be resolutely opposed to the perpetrators of ethnic cleansing. New York's understand ing was this 'angel-ism', this illusion that we could remain Dassive

Immediately, a rift opened between Gen Morillon's ambitions on the ground, and those of the UN 'angelistes' making policy in Zagreb and New York. The disagreement was fundamental, over who the 'Protection Force' was in Bosnia to protect.

"The idea," says Gen Morillon, "that we were only there to protect ourselves, our sol was unacceptable me. This was the reason I had so many crises of anger - I was angry with people talking to me about the mandate all the time. We wanted nothing to do with the mandate, but with the spirit of our mission ... which was to protect the population. To achieve that, we had to be able to use force against anyone denying or even questioning our freedom of action.

"It was my permanent instinct - we have to use force. And that is the reason I was so angry when, after my de-parture, authorisation was given to every side to control our convoys. If you accept such control, you have no role to play, and should pull out." The UN Security Council's

World news in brief

Papandreou, has asked

through the government

spokesman to meet the presi-

dent, leading to speculation

that he may agree to step down, writes Helena Smith in

It was a surprise even to Mr

Papandreou's own socialist

party when the spokesman

announced yesterday that the

alling leader, who has been in

intensive care since Novem-

ber 20, had summoned Presi-

Athens.

Papandreou 'may resign'

after summoning president

GREECE'S critically ill meeting would probably take place this weekend.

his bedside. Officials said the his health was improving.

illon lambasts the mandata's rules of engagement: "To deputy prime minister [Halimit our ability to fire only kija Turajlic, shot at a Serb when fired upon was much too restricted," he says. "The roadblock inside a French patrol vehicle) while he was idea of the right to legitimate escorted by my men. It was a defence' was a farce.' drama for me to to find solace

for myself after that." Gen Morillon shared this view with the officer commanding the first British con March 1993, was Gen Moriltingent to arrive in Bosnia Colonel Bob Stewart, who promised: "I won't be forced off any road," and said he would regard any militia that interrupted the delivery of

quate protection.

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lon's hour. He recalls it with a pleasant immodesty. As Serb artillery pounded the town, Gen Morillon helicoptered into the town in a gesture of solidarity and

aid as "the enemy". ended up staying for several days as residents prevented Such a position raised eyebrows in Whitehall, and at Zahim from leaving.

greb command. Col Stewart He braved the guns and

To get enough armoured vehicles 'I had to wait for the assassination of Bosnia's deputy prime minister while he was escorted by my men'

was considered wild and rash promised the people he would - but, says Gen Morillon, stay among them until their "Stewart was right. I tried to security was guaranteed. He now knows he was actually a hostage of the Bosnian govback him all the way." Gen Morillon also pays tribute to the soldiers of the next Briternment, that an order was ish regiment in, the Prince of sent from Sarajevo to ensure Wales's Own Yorkshires, for he remained in the enclave. opening fire on a Croat posi

"I tried to escape at night," he says, "but it was the sight of hundreds of people, women and old people and children, coming in through the snow that night from the places that had fallen, that made me realize I had no choice but to tion, killing at least four, after the ambush of a convoy bound for Tuzla in early 1993. "It was the first battle, and the right battle. I knew that it was a sign of our authority." The French in Sarajevo realise I had no choice but to took the greatest number casualties among the UN con-The outcome was the first

tingents. Gen Morillon 'safe area", bloodily overrun, with thousands murdered, in blames not only the rules of July 1994. The safe area was what Gen Morillon required engagement, but a lack of ade-Gen Morillon says it took of himself in order to leave

assination of the Bosnian couldn't deny that to me. The Border Serbian army was in there of the whole Nato alliance " until May 1995

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ity and neutrality.

Morillon made a number of This is the first testimony of a confession by President visits to Brussels, Milosevic that his own troops to Nato's supreme allied comwere so engaged By the time Gen Morillon

mander, General George Joulwan, whom Gen Morillon deleft Sarajevo in 1993, he says, scribes as "central" to the "defining moment" of 1995, and the late secretary-gen-"I felt the threat of powerless-ness" in the UN mission. He does not single out individeral, Manfred Woerner.

uals for blame, but refers to "Zagreb" and "New York", Gen Morillon came to believe that "so long as Washthe operation's political and ington was not involved in a diplomatic nerve-centres. "There was conflict becommon action, there could be no solution. It should have tween Zagreb and Sarajevo" been possible to do this as the says Gen Morillon. "Relations with Zagreb were usually by UN and as Europe. But in the end. I share the US position phone, and from time to time there were angry crises. I repeated it every day: 'We with the exception that I did not agree that the need for us to act powerfully against the have to be respected! If not, Serbs automatically meant we have to withdraw.' I consupport for (Bosnian president idered them functionaries; Alijal Izetbegovic or [Croatian president Franjo] Tudjman. We were agreed on the means." Alijal Izethe we were on the ground." Zagreb, he adds, "was under the influence of 'angel-Since leaving Sarajevo, Gen Morillon has crossed the Atiraditions. They were fright-ened we would become in-volved in a disaster like Solantic 10 times to lobby the Pentagon, Vice-President Al Gore, the Senate majority malia. They were terrified of leader. Bob Dole, and a host of officials and congressmen in favour of a resolute line. His the UN being seen as partial, they failed to understand the difference between impartialmain ally, pivotal to winning over the Clinton administra-This past summer. "the detion, was the navy's new chief fining moment" of bombardof staff, Admiral Jim Border.

ment around Sarajevo, was "exactly what I had been waiting for since the very be-Gen Morillon has moved to Brittany, with a pied-a-terre in Versailles, his possessions, ginning" says Gen Morillon. notes and medals still packed The attack which finally forced the Serbs to the negotiin boxes. He is about to start work on two books: one with ating table was most fam-ously mounted by Nato from the splendidly Bonapartian title Letter to Young Officers, the air. But the guns of the Anglo-French Rapid Reaction a military credo, and another about one of "those very few Force also unleashed vast things in life that hit you here quantities of ordnance [he points to his heart] and against the Serbs. The RRF that you will never forget". was engaged way beyond its | the story of Srebrenica.

woman for life A Peruvian military court yesterday sentenced an American woman to life imprison ment for aiding Marxist guer

The government had earlier survived a vote of confidence rillas, her lawyer said. tabled by the opposition, Grimaldo Achahui said Lori which said the prime minis-Helene Berenson, aged 26. ter's prolonged illness had left from New York was convicted of treason for assisting the pro-Under Greek law, Mr Pa-Cuban Tupac Amaru Revolupandreou, aged 76, who has been attached to life support tionary Movement. - Reuter.

Peru jails US

Charges imminent machines, can only be replaced if he resigns. Ex-The prosecution in a Spanish perts from the United States, supreme court inquiry into alflown in to give the prime minister physiotherapy and legations that the former inte rior minister, Jose Barrion dent Costis Stephanopoulos to speech classes, said yesterday uevo, backed a "dirty war"

Italian PM 'quits' The Italian prime minister Lamberto Dini, announced his resignation yesterday opening the way for parlia-ment to choose between a snap general election or a

new government to enact key reforms. - Reuter.

Massacre arrests

Four Mexican state officials and 17 policemen have been arrested on suspicion of involvement in the June 28 massacres of 17 unarmed peasants in Guerrero state, writes Phil for the port authority said against Basque separatists Gunson in Mexico City. Ten yesterday. - Reuter.

yesterday asked for bail - ap- | other members of the state parent confirmation that be police are already in jail. will be formally charged, **Journalist bailed** writes Adela Gooch in Madrid.

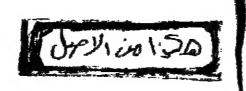
> Times correspondent detained by in Nigeria for a week, has been freed on bail, diplomats said. Mr Adams was arrested in Ogoniland and charged with possessing seditious material - Reuter.

Cousteau farewell

Jacques-Yves Cousteau's ocean research ship, the Calypso, in which the French oceanographer, aged 85, has toured the world since 1950, has sunk in shallow waters off Singapore, a spokeswoman

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Paul Adams, the Financial



The Wolf, the Bear, and the hostages in between

'We are soldiers.

We do not care

James Meek

'Lone Wolf' (left)

holding hostages

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how we die'

ALMAN RADUYEV'S eyes twinkled with good humour, un-shakeable confidence in the rightness of his deeds on earth, and absolute certainty of a martyr's honour, if need be, in heaven. The Chechen rebel leader known as the Lone Wolf.

whose motiey band of fighters is holding the might of an out-raged Russia at hay, wel-comed guests yesterday to the yard of the little house be has commandeered in this village like a proud local celebrity delighted by the attention and feeling himself worthy of it. Two small children played nearby.

Though some of the fighters around him wore black masks, his face was adorned only by his long red beard and his black woolky hat wrapped in a green band bearing the Arabic words: "There is no God but God, and Mohammed is his Prophet.

A few yards away lay a reminder that Mr Raduyev is bargaining with Russia for his life, the lives of his 150 fighters and the lives of as many as 160 hostages. Covered in velvet cloth were the bodies of three of his men.

killed in the fighting in the Dagestani town of Kizlyar on Tuesday when his band seized the hospital and 2,000 captives. "If Russia does not want a

diers. We do not care how we

Paris for the memorial service for François Mitterrand, made a conciliatory gesture, saying: "As soon as they agree to not using weapons we will withdraw our troops. Only the police will remain to

Russian helicopters | tives on Wednesday morning bristling with guns and rock-ets clattered low over the vil-

lage as Mr Raduyev spoke. In the snow-covered fields beyond, Russian armoured troop carriers dipped and reared in and out of irrigation ditches as they struggled for

vantage points before dark-ness fell. Yet even yesterday after noon it was possible to walk

unchallenged into Pervomayskaya along an open Mr Raduyev, son-in-law of the Chechen separatist leader General Dzhokhar Dudayev,

said his group had originally peaceful outcome, we are planned to attack the military ready," he said. "We are solairfield in Kizlyar, because they believed a large consign-ment of artillery rockets for use in Chechenia was to be

President Boris Yeltsin, in unloaded there. Taking the hospital was a reserve plan they put into effect when a number of fighters were badly wounded and eded surgery. The Chechens released

maintain public order.' most of their hospital cap-

rockets from a Russian heli-copter just as it was leaving Pervomayskaya, only a few hundred yards from the Che chen border. The Chechens ordered the convoy to turn back and they quickly took over the village capturing 37 interior minis-try soldiers and an arsenal of veapons. Most of the 500 or so

> The hostages have been dispersed among the village houses, making a successful attempt to free them by force

virtually impossible. Mr Raduyev said he was prepared to free the interior ministry troops and even return the weapons they had

captured from them, but would not leave Pervomayskaya without cast-iron guarantees of a safe passage back to the Chechen mountains. These guarantees would have to be living ones, he said - not just the hostages from Kizlyar but Russian officials, foreign journalists and repremeets the Chechen sentatives of the Red Cross and Medecins sans Frontières

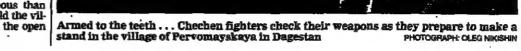
as human shields. He made no mention of a threat to begin shooting hostages. "We have proposed a solu-tion. We don't want to destroy

this village. We don't want the hostages to be hurt. We don't want Dagestan to be drawn into the conflict. "If they want to save the

lives of these people, then they can, but we need hard guarantee

compatriot Shamil Basayev, who led the earlier Chechen hospital raid on Budyonnovsk last year. the same bra vado, the same joy in leading his men, the same easy flow of self-justifying, mythologis-ing north Caucasian rhetoric.

"We are ready to offer active opposition," he said. 'Our situation is conbly more advantageous than the Russians': we hold the vil-





up its fortress Europe

Reuter in Gainesville, Florida

ARCHAEOLOGISTS in Florida believe they have found a fort which protected the first successful European colony in the territory of the foture United States.

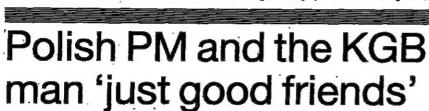
A triangular moat. burned timbers, pottery and musket shot were found in 1994 in the grounds of an old Spanish mission in St Augustine, Florida.

Eathleen Deagan, of the University of Florida, said researchers were confident the finds came from an early fort of Pedro Menen-dez de Aviles, who established the colony of St Augustine, the oldest US city, in 1565. The fort was later burned down

"It's an exciting discov-ery for us because it's the earliest European site within the first European town in the US." she said. **Researchers** hope the the rains will yield class to wby the settlement sur-vived when many other fledgling colonies failed. "My personal speculation is that the people of St Augustine ... used a lot of American Indian materi-

als." Ms Deagan said. PHOTOGRAPH: OLEG NIKISHIN





Matthew Brzezinski in Warson

IS Soviet "minders"

Zacharski, still, reportedly a member of the Polish secret service, has said nothing. There was no hint of Olin's IS Soviet "minders" identity until three days be-reportedly gave him the fore Lech Walesa relin- were unsubstantiated, he told

No proof of the charges has

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a Polish journalist

surround the village of Pervomayskaya Mr Raduyev is very like his after reaching, as they thought, a deal guaranteeing them safe passage to Chechenia, after which they would release the rest.

But according to Mr Ra duyev the convoy of buse carrying them and their hos tages, including an unspeci-fied number of women and children, was fired on with

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he was serving life for steal-ing Patriot missile blueprints. But relations between the

We know about Olin," Mr Zacharski allegedly said. He then accused the Russian, a diplomat in Warsaw for more

code name Olin and quished the presidency to the beamed like proud parents as reformed communist Alektheir prize mole rose steadily sander Kwasniewski on Deto prominence and power in cember 23. the Polish government. They whooped with joy after his promotion to one of the high-est posts in the land. Then, last July in Majorca, disaster

struck. The holidaying former KGB colonel, Vladimir Alganov, apparently opened the door of his botal suife to find himself face to face with the Pole Mar-ian Zacharski, a living legend among cold war warriors. His ter of internal affairs, a Wa-lesa ally. "The activities dated from 1982 through to sudden appearance could

only spell trouble. In the old days, the two had worked for the same side. In 1995. Mr Oleksy has been prime 1986, the KGB even arranged for a spy swap to get Mr Za-charski out of a US jail, where minister since 1993, leading a coalition of reformed communists and peasants. The Russians screamed

that he had been framed. Mr former allies had since turned Oleksy screamed even louder, accusing Walesa loyalists of "dirty provocations" and seeking to revenge his poll sour. While Warsaw was queuing impatiently for Nato membership, Moscow threatened it with nuclear weapons

defeat. Colonel Alganov material-ised at a hastily convened if it joined. need at a matchy convened press conference in Moscow, where he said that he knew Mr Oleksy, but they were just "good friends". No sensitive matters had been raised dur-ing their hunting trips together he added. than 10 years and now man-ager of a business there, of "running" the mole, All this is the former KGB man's version, however. Mr

yet been made public. Yesterday, Poland's counter-A stunned parliament was told that Moscow's man was crucial evidence, apparently none other than President Kwasniewski's long-time including incriminating audio and videotapes, to miliparty colleague — the prime minister. Poland has still not recovered from the shock. tary prosecutors, who will de-cide next week whether a case should be made against the "Prime minister Jozef prime minister, who is on Oleksy knowingly conveyed information and documents, some classified, to foreign in-telligence officers," said Andrzej Milczanowski, minisholiday. President Kwasniewski yes

terday backed his embattled prime minister, telling a Paris press conference he had full confidence in him. "I have no reason not to have confidence in him."

The country has been plunged into a frenzy of conspiracy theories. Many are convinced of Mr Oleksy's guilt, but some say Mr Walesa is framing him. Others claim the Russians fabricated the scandal to discredit and de-rail Poland's entry into Nato. Another theory is that the CIA is behind the affair.

Meanwhile, the truth could get fuzzier because the secret service is in chaos.

Wholesale changes in the service and the ministry it reports to have been made recently, with Mr Oleksy matters had been raised dur-ing their hunting trips together, he added. Russia's newly appointed prime minister of a cover-up.

Japan ends 19-month socialist hiccup

Kevin Rafferty in Tokyo

The chain-smoking nation-alist Ryutaro Hashimoto easily defeated his great rival ichiro Ozawa yeşterday io be-come Japan's prime minister. The new leader, heading a three-party coalition of con-servatives and socialists, promised an administration of "creativity and change", but Mr Ozawa immediately week. The only woman member is Ritsuko Nagai, a non-politidismissed it as a "buck-pass-

mg government". Mr Hashimoto's election in parliament, by 282 votes to 167, restored power to the con-servative Liberal Democratic Party after only 19 months. Ininister. The key finance portfolio of the Socialist Party, Wataro Rubo — aged 66 and with no Party after only 19 months. Ininister. The key finance portfolio of the Socialist Party, Wataro previous ministerial experi-democratic and "clean" rules. ing government". Mr Hashimoto's election in

Until its 1998 defeat, the LDP had enjoyed a 38-year stranglehold on power, with the socialists in opposition. which are on the verge of Now the two are allies. The new prime minister named a cabinet in which he bankruptcy, with potential bad debts of 10,000 billion yen (£62 hillion). Unless he can mop up their bad debts. Ja-pan's economic growth will was the only survivor of the government of his socialist predecessor, Tomiichi Mur-ayama, who resigned last be threatened.

Mr Hashimoto, the fourth prime minister in the two and a half years since the last gen eral election, won his internacian who becomes justice | tional spurs last year in tough minister. | talks with the United States

Who'd have thought it - a Brit awards that isn't clogged up with Elton 'n' Rod and recognises there is room for improvement... Caroline Sullivan

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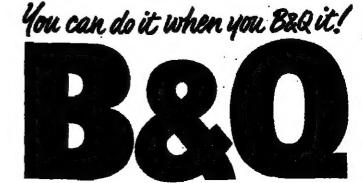
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Watch out, she's back

Lady Thatcher means trouble for the Tories

SHE just won't lie down, will she? Or | functory and sneering, while the accoperhaps it is simply truer to say that | lade for Michael Portillo's appalling she can't. Former PMs are normally party conference speech was gratuitous supposed to know their place in the appointed scheme of things. Not this one. Convention demands that they are on the back for Messrs Clarke, Howard only wheeled out on special formal occasions. But Lady Thatcher still the First Secretary of State and Deputy craves the bear-pit and compulsively demands star billing when she returns. She can't leave her legacy to be judged by others, as an ex-premier like Lord Callaghan can. Her legacy is too impor-tant for that, and not just in her own laser-firing eyes. Try as she may, Lady Thatcher still finds it impossible not to judge everyone and everything against her own achievements - or rather against the highly selective version of them that in her role as the party's first Mrs Rochester she has now come to believe. And the truth is, so does much of the rest of the Conservative Party - admiration for the young Labour and some outside it too.

The Tory party is still grappling with Thatcherism and Lady Thatcher made own party - is a politician who acit clear last night that she is prepared to cepts, see the Daily Telegraph yestergo the full fifteen rounds in defence of day morning, the importance of the her title. Her Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture was like a potted version of the much purchased, little read memoirs of Major. The most trenchant and vernaclast year — and like the memoirs it ular passages were those in which she betrayed the evidence of many hands. It was part apologia pro vita sua, part ultimatum to the next generation of speech was a shameless reassertion of Tories. There were moments of pure surrealism, like the bid to outcroon Dame Vera Lynn, as well as the bursts of egomania invoking a terrifying thing she called Thatcher's Law. There were also many late additions, each one evidence of the fear which this event induced in the party high command. The speech bore the hallmarks of a virtuous but not whole-hearted attempt one effect, and she knows it. It was a to be even-handed to the party's current leaders; doubtless many arms had been twisted over many days. But the praise for John Major was unmistakeably per-

and in the circumstances highly pro-Prime Minister? Clearly there are some things that you can never ask some girls to do.

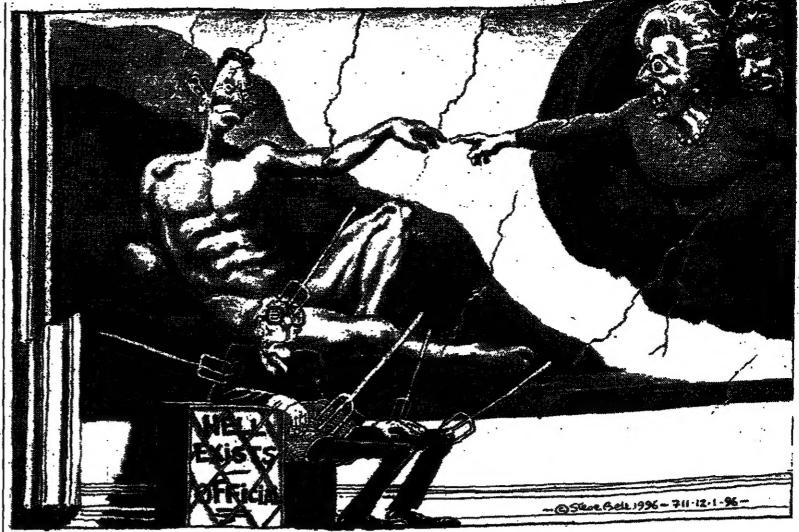
At bottom, however, this was a call to continue the revolution and therefore a rebuke to those who have betrayed it. It attacked Labour, as Central Office had pleaded over many days that it should, and its lip-curling contempt for "misty talk about boosting communities and community values" was vintage stuff. But the attempts to depict Tony Blair as a man of the Old Left rang hollow. For wasn't there in fact a note of sneaking leader? Wasn't there a sense that here

- by contrast with the leader of her-Thatcher legacy? The real target of this speech, intended or not, was John blasted her once and future real enemies in the Tory party. The heart of the the values of the 1980s, of yuppie culture, tax cuts, mortgage interest relief, privatisation and reduced public spending, larded with the Kiplingesque anti-Europeanism which has become her stock-in-trade since leaving office. Doubtless she meant all this to be supportive. But pointing out the error of your successor's ways can have only reactionary, self-indulgent, selective speech, and in the present state of Conservative Party politics it can be nothing except destructive. Hooray.



Sinn Fein's suggestion deserves a positive response

NORTHERN Ireland's long political im- | that London has been demanding. In passe has been caused by two things: particular it offers no hope of even a



Letters to the Editor A market comprehensively bucked Gulf between

allies and truth

ONE of the saddest truths of the Gulf war (Leader, Jan-uary 11) is that the media in-dustry has only just got round to realising there are truths still to be told. In March 1991 I filmed Edward Pearce, Paul Foot, John Pilger and Victoria Brittain passionately exposing the horrific truth behind the "official lies" you consider necessary. We knew even then that Iraqi troops were being Napalmed and buried alive and that civilians and critical infrastructure were being hit by a large proportion of the 93 per cent of bombs that weren't smart — but these, and a few other honourable exceptions, remained on the fringe. Between 1991 and 1994 I

worked on four films reveal-ing the hidden casualties of the conflict - from malnourished babies in Iraq to tor-tured and exiled minorities in Kuwait and the Gulf War Syn-drome in the US and the UK. There are 70,000 Gulf war veterans registered as sick in the US alone and yet programmes like the BBC series still paint the "no casualty" picture. Five years on, the lessons of the Gulf war appear to be, sadly, that the mainstream media still only reveal what

that it is the only way to keep the middle class in the state exercise of choice very difficult. sector, and happy to pay their taxes for so doing (Playing to It is for these reasons that

even the market-orientated OECD, in its 1995 report on win, January 10). It is not, however, legitithe UK, was decidedly luke warm as to whether the intro mate to argue that somehow selection of pupils will pro-duce a world where everyone duction of market-like processes into education by the Conservatives is sensible. gets a better education. Stephen Pollard wants a mar-Dan Corry. Institute for Public ket system where schools Policy Research, 30-32-Southampton Street, compete amongst themselves and be claims that the power of consumers to choose will London WC2E 7RA lead to the best outcome all

round. While the market is the best way, of providing retail services, one must not forget that the poor often end up having to buy from the local, high-price shop while the bet-ter off drive to the spacious, well-filled aisles of Sainswell-filled alsies of Sains-bury's. In a marketised schools system, who will take the less able children? The idea of progressive vouchers, suggested by some as a way through the equity issue, is filled with dangers, not least that it would be politically im-possible to give the middle sive system for all. possible to give the middle class lower-value vouchers

not exist in education. Infor-

official sources want them to than the poor.

NE argument for intro-ducing selection into secondary education is hat it is the only way to keen a result of changing the bat it is the only way to keen a result of changing the bat it is the only way to keen a result of changing the bat it is the only way to keen a result of changing the bat it is the only way to keen a result of changing the bat it is the only way to keen a result of changing the bat it is the only way to keen a result of changing the bat it is the only way to keen a result of the new and the second to be the second argument of the only way to keen a result of the second argument of the second to be the only of the second argument of the second to be the second to be the second argument of the second to be the second argument of the second to be the second Second, however, the very concept of two kinds of educa-tional species simply did not make sense. There are many kinds of talent, and many ways in which intelligence might be developed. Only a comprehensive sys-

tem could get rid of the sim-plistic division of children into the intelligent few and the rest, and could show respect for the range of talent and quality that is required in a modern and educated

society. (Prof) Richard Pring. TO ASSUME that 4,000 comprehensive schools University of Oxford Dept of Educational Studies. simply do not educate our 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6PY. children properly, whereas the grammar schools which they destroyed did, is simply

POLLARD says that schools should be allowed not true. Pollard should remember why so many parents — middle-class and to admit 15 per cent of pupils Conservative ones too - wel-comed the shift from a who excel at music, but his claim that only "specialist bias" can give schools a clearsecondary-modern system for the majority to a comprehencut focus, an ambitious cur-riculum and a strong educational leadership is nonsense.

First, the basis of dividing children at 11 — into the rela-tively few who were capable of academic work and the You don't achieve excellence by concentrating on a specialist 15 per cent. many who were not - was demonstrably mistaken. For

Pollard says you can't com-bine mixed ability and setting

over their own budgets, a state-controlled curriculum, are effectively monitored and work in a target-conscious culture. The state publishes league tables and they show steady improvement. A transformation has taken place and Pollard hasn't noticed. Mike Brindle, 6 Nummery Drive,

Thetfor Norfolk IP24 3EN.

As A teacher, I would like to know what plans Pollard has for the 75 per cent not selected. Popular support was given to comprehensives originally because parents no longer were faced with the fact that in four cases out of five, their offspring would be classed as having failed.

Thirty years ago these dis appointed parents accepted these often arbitrary decisions because there were ap-prenticeship schemes for their less academically gifted boys and marriage for their girls. I am sure such accep-tance today would not be complete. Please, let us move for-wards, not backwards.

John Carrick.

about talking and negotiating, the combined effect has been to prevent the very things which would best secure and extend the peace and which most people of goodwill both in Britain and Ireland want to see. The impasse is doing no one any good, as the recent increase in tension and violence shows.

Sinn Fein's suggestion this week of a possible compromise, under which paramilitary weapons would be destroyed by the groups themselves under independent supervision as part of an | Fein in recent months is that since the overall peace settlement, is therefore a very significant development. It is not a total answer to the impasse, but it unquestionably moves the situation forward from the place where it had become stuck. It is a recognition that republicans must move on arms. It therefore casts doubt on the intransigent content of Sinn Fein's increasingly turgid position as it has been repeatedly set out over the last few months. And it deserves a positive response.

Sinn Fein's long submission was made to the International Body on Decommissioning, led by former US Senator George Mitchell, whose team was in Downing Street yesterday and in Dub- | required and that is what this week's lin today. It is certainly not everything discussions are all about.

the British government's insistence on gesture on arms decommissioning in the handover of some IRA arms before advance of all-party talks - the soall-party talks can begin, and the IRA's | called "Washington Three" condition refusal to countenance any such thing, on which Britain still insists. It also, as however it might be disguised. In a the Democratic Unionists have pointed peace process which is supposed to be | out, keeps in play Sinn Fein's democratically indefensible equation of legitimate (i.e. army and police) arms and illegal, paramilitary weapons.

Nevertheless it needs to be taken seriously, and Downing Street's lowkey but positive reaction is an encouraging indication that this is now happening. By contrast, the Ulster Unionists' cautiously interested initial response on Wednesday was better than yesterday's more negative second thoughts. The great criticism of Sinn ceasefire of 1994 they have made no constructive contribution to a process which necessarily involves creative compromise on all sides. Now, at last, they have shuffled the pack a little, and in so doing have created some space in which others can and should respond. It is not the breakthrough, but it makes the breakthrough possible. It is no longer legitimate for those who are instinctively reluctant to talk to the IRA to remain stuck in their old positions. Crucially, Sinn Fein have given Senator Mitchell and his colleagues some options to get everyone off the hook. That was what the impasse

Blowing hot and cold over hell

Damnation, the final judgment is tormenting our minds again

THE DEVIL always has the best lines which is why a few cautious sentences in a new Church of England report have conjured up some fiery headlines. The report tackles the meaning of salvation in the modern world at a time when society has become much more pluralist and much less religious. How does it relate to such issues as the environ- notion that there is anything good or ment, discrimination and human life enhancing about it. rights? The Doctrine Commission has some good ideas but the report is not cept till Judaeo-Christianity built on exactly an easy read. Page 199 comes as Zoroastrian doctrine to separate the media manna, so to speak, from heaven. | flock into the chosen and the rejected. It Here while rejecting the traditional hell with all its fiery trimmings it concludes | with flames, torments and toastingthat there is still a final judgment. As | forks. In Germanic myth, interestingly, with most eschatology the argument is it was an extremely cold place where not all that clear. But the point seems to Queen Hel ruled in a palace called be that those who reject the force of love and friendship condemn themselves to a state of non-being which amounts to hell. So, "we believe in Hell," says the Church.

'The argument suits our present times. Hell is a familiar metaphor for cutting oneself off from all that should be valued in life. When we hope that Radovan Karadzic will rot in hell, we mean that he should be unable to live Hartington Road, with his own conscience. When we say that war is hell, we are rejecting the decrying the Lottery. The old "theological" objection to

Hades was originally a neutral congambling, that it gave something for nothing, seems to have been, rightly, abanthen became an extremely hot place ics can find to object to is the size of the jackpot. I'm all for good stewardship of money -England at least have something to learn about that? But Sleetcold. Now hell has been translated back into our own minds where it Visions and dreams are not really belongs. There - as Milton told (Rev) John W McC Miller. us long ago - we can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven. Earley, Reading.

revealed Michael Dixon. 84 Wardour Stre ondon WIV 3LF.

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WAS shocked to hear the truth about the dismal per formance of the Patriot mis sile system against Iraqi Scuds. The original newsree gave an impression of almost 100 per cent success - are there no advertising standards in this country any more?

Graham Mort. The Beeches. Riverside, Clapham, via Lancaster LA2 8DT.

Parish news

HE loss of an odd bishop's palace (Leader, January 11), here or there, will make little impact on the Church of England's financial difficulties. What might be more significant, given the inevitable and continued reduction in stipendiary ordained minis-ters, would be a proportional reduction in the number of dioceses, diocesan bishops and diocesan administraand alocesan administra-tions. This would minimise the risk of the Church being management top-heavy, and might liberate it to its pasto-ral and prophetic task. (Rev) David Jennings. Rector, Burbage with

Aston Flamville. The Rectory, New Road. Burbage, Hinckley. Leics LE10 2AW.

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M sick of hearing bishops

doned. All these po-faced cler-

and doesn't the Church of

where's the harm in a flutter?

alien to Christianity or to life.

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AM a tenant of the Church Commissioners and have Today my son and daughter, aged 11 and six, have extenbeen recently informed by them that they wish to raise my rent by 25 per cent. It will sive vocabularies, interest in be reassuring to the Bishop of Portsmouth to know that so many more of us will along with him, help to recoup the Church's property losses. Noel Hannon. 14 Eastry House



that make markets work do which claimed to establish in-

mation is inherently very to be profoundly influenced

nate intelligence were shown

Kids under remote control

DR SALLY WARD'S study WHEN my children were babies and preschoolers I always worked full-time. So makes a number of as-sumptions: first, that all TV is bad as it stops children from learning. This is unfair on a I'm well aware that most babysitters and childminders number of children's prouse television as a constant source of entertainment and grammes that have a clean ducational intent. background noise, which Second, that academic and

damages children's speech (TV exposure damages child educational "failure" sets you speech, January 10). There's only one surefire way of preventing this, short back for life. As an ex-Ruskin College student, I am fortu-nate in that I had an opportuof throwing the set away. We nity after the usual school locked it in a bedroom and and college treadmill. The simply never said we had one. problems of mature students It's a minor inconvenience to are more frequently financial confine your viewing to a bed room; but when set against the risk to children's verbal educational qualification is abilities, it's more than worth the only indication of intelligence

Oh, and I've always con Coming from the inner city fined all viewing to an hour after school and on weekends. appears to be the new stereo type. Presumably us "inner citiers" with too many TVs and too few certificates should be feeling guilty about our inadequacies in bringing up our children. We're not. Robin Moss. 61 All Hallows Road

Easton, Bristol BS5 OHW.

Union broadcasts a warning

VOU report that the BBC's | ing technology for domestic Y Arabic television service was censored by the Saudiviewers. All British broadcasting now

owned relay station in Rome should take note. Virginia Bot-(Major adds to Saudi turmoil, tomley is in danger of giving January 8). If the Govern control of all transmission to ment's plans are successful the whole of BBC Transorganisations which do not share even her government's mission, both domestic and World Service, will soon be somewhat threadbare values of free speech. privatised. All the BBC's out-Brian Marsh. put, not just uncomfortable BECTU, news about Saudi dissidents 111 Wardour Street, could be subject to both overt London WIV 4AY. and covert censorship if BBC Transmission is sold into the Please include a full costal private sector. Up to now, address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone number most eyes have been on We may edit letters: shorter Rupert Murdoch's ambitions, either through his satellite channels or his almost comones are more likely to appear. We rearst we cannot plete control over the decodacknowledge those not used

when I taught in his grammar schools and we do it now in Cowplain, Waterlooville comprehensive schools. He is | Hampshire PO8 8AY.

Born free but in chains

REVENTING escapes is HEN I visited my daugh-the Home Secretary's We ter and granddaughter paramount concern for prison the post-natal ward at the Whittington Hospital on August 9 last year, the bed opmers (The shame I felt in chains, January 11). No one must ever be allowed to abposite was occupied by an incond again, no matter what mate of Holloway Prison. She was chained by the ankle to a male prison officer. On enthe financial or human costs. It would simply be too politically embarrassing. quiring about this brutal There were no ministerial practice we were told that it was on Home Office orders. statements last year when

two 16-year-old boys hanged Patricia Milling. themselves in prisons. Surely resignations should be forth-The Old Rectory, Shirenewton, . coming over policy failures Chepstow, Gwent, which lead to two young teen agers dying? The manacles should come

agers dying? The manacles should come off the women, who have a probably the most joyful right to decent maternity care, event in one's life. To spoil privacy and dignity. Shack-ling a woman at any time causes stress to her baby, to herself and to other patients. this with shackles is appall-ing. Apart from discomfort, pain, exhaustion, possibly stitches and some haemor The treatment of women prisrhage, no woman will run off and abandon her baby. If this had happened in any oners is a symptom of a malig-nant policy running deep into

other country, we would be the first to condemn it. Judy Naylor. Westley Bank, Bolton, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6AH

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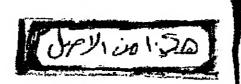
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SOUTH WALES: The rendez | join the company, has been testing the proof of this align-ment for 28 years. On six occasions, clear visibility has provided the proof. But this vous smacked of the early novels of John le Carre. No passwords crossed our lips but at 7.40am on Christmas Eve on a slip road off the M4 was not to be the seventh. It just below Chepstow, a needs, of course, a still frosty : Renault 19 drew up beside me. "Follow me," said a voice night to give a dawn chance of the perfect visibility to prove the alignment. We were from the passenger side win-dow. So I did, and we wended able to prove it in theory with our way in the half light be-fore dawn to the shoulders of an orienteering compass and a set of maps. The standing the Gray Hill, a bracken-covstones line up straight to point at 120 degrees. If you ered mountain nine miles to the west of Chepstow. There transpose this to the Ordwe left the cars and climbed nance Survey map, the line of towards the peak of the Gray sight at 23 miles is a notch in Hill. We were trying, unsuc-cessfully as it turned out, to observe the midwinter sunthe Lansdown ridge five miles north of Bath at Freezing Hill, You could prove it for your-self. What our Bronze Age rise along a historically deterpredecessors knew by per-sonal observation has become a topic of sufficient interest to mined alignment in which a series of Bronze Age standing stones point to a notch on the drag a small company up the Gray Hill at the time of the horizon 23 miles away to the east. And if clear conditions prevail on or about the winter midwinter solstice. The hill-top has other reminders of solstice, the rising sun would have come up over the horilong term human habitation: on in that distant notch. But a Bronze Age burial chamber. now largely collapsed, lies beat 8.12am - sunrise - mist low the standing stones and low cloud obscured the distant horizon. Dr Ivor which make the alignment. Cavill, who had invited me to COLIN LUCKHURST

reading — and rarely shut up. Gloria McShane. 39 Newbiggin, Richmond. North Yorks DL10 4DX.



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This essential refrain

Ciary Matthew Norman

honour of her sublime efences of government folicy towards Saudi dissidnts and prisoners in labur, I have asked my frind Ann Widdecombe "Dris Karloff" to those scapps at the Daily Mirror - Unleash her forensic povers on pivotal moments in world history. For the firs of Miss Widdecombe For the Defence, an occa-sional feature, she travels bactto 34 AD. In considering thether to hand Jesus Christ over to the authorities udas Iscariot had to cosider his business interets, she explains. "Let us of forget that Mr Christ washerceived as a threat to a government with whom Mr scariot had very good trac relations. One contradalone was worth an es timited 30 pieces of silver." As fr the Crucifizion itself,

Mis Widdecombe rejects chages of barbarism. "The Execution Service had a dut of care to the prisoner, but his had to be balanced agapst the need to keep all cruifees, including sons of Got in secure custody. Some may like to think," she oncludes, "that a man naid by all four limbs to a woden cross for many hows would not or could notscape. Unfortunately this not true." Miss Wid-deombe promises to addess another moment from history as soon as she retrns from her Club 18-50 holiay to Corfu.

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a hugely encouraging men for New Labour, he great Dennis Skinner haswing behind the phi-losphy of "stake-bolding". Hebined a group of miners' Mison a visit to Mr Tony Blar's office earlier this wek, to argue for stronger comitments of help to for mr pit communities. Ever th gentleman, Mr Blair sed his visitors if they wuld like a cup of tea. "Yes plase," said Mr Skinner, nd I'll have a strioin with

Norchestrated campaign of unparalleled wickedness forces me take my friend Paul Johnan under the Diary's proctive wing. This week's isue of the Spectator caries no fewer than seven let-ers — including one from ord Longford — attacking ast week's article, ghostwritten for Mr Johnson by Taki-George when writer's block struck, on why "the queers" like John Major. To all of you, and especially to you. Nicholas Jones of Is-lington (who wonders if "in titive and gro

Ask us twice and we'll join the union

sacred British opt-out, which allows us to choose what to do Commentary once the bird flaps its wings. Choosing may, or may not, be necessary. Such choice can be exercised by Westminster vote or referendum, accord-ing to inclination at the time. There is nothing left to nego-tiate (since that was all wrapped up at Maastricht). So walt and see: keep options open; float on a grey ocean of pragmatism; achieve unity through obscurity. It hasn't worked brilliantly, because it is uttanly based of ***************** T IS the very mead of mod-

ern Majorism. One jump, not two, "What distresses me about the European de-bate," John Major proclaimed this week at the kind of key-note business besulting the because it is utterly bereft of an opinion. (What do you want to happen, Prime Minis-ter?) But it has worked a bit. note business breakfast Chris Meyer won't have to eat eggs The crucial thing to recognise at any longer, "is that it seems to be principally con-ducted on the fringes of opin-ion — between those people now, however, is that the middle way is a hole in the road. It isn't a route any longer. It has been steam-rollered by logic — deadly logic haplessly, desperately applied by John Major himself. • He talked, over this week's who are very, very hostile to it and those who see nothing wrong with it". Yes, Prime Minister. "The truth, I be-lieve, lies somewhere down the middle." toast and marmalade, about some European developments which are "plain wrong and potentially dangerous". We know, from the pre-Christmas prudent witter of common cokum — has been his bulwark since Maastricht: and not, in

Madrid, what tops that dan-ger list. It is a core of Union truth, a bad one. There is a project called Economic and Monetary Union which may, or may not, fiy. There is the members moving towards a single currency in 1999, leav-ing a rump of the community

- perhaps even a majority of nations - temporarily sched on the outside. Britain's negotiating "triumph" at Madrid was securing an expert examination of the effects of such a split. But hang about a bit, for here the vice of logic closes. The one country you'd ex-

pect to have done all the work and figuring over a two-speed Europe already is the solitary country that fought for and won the right to opt out of a one-speed Europe at Maas-tricht: John Major's Britain. Spain or Italy or Portugal or

Greece, signed up for the ride but struggling to meet the criteria, might well take a lead in arguing for a second look. But Mr Major, signed up for nothing, is a ludicrous nanny figure, the man with no *locus* standi. Let's assume, as most at the summit did, that this was just another ploy to sow doubt and delay — another scrap of paper for the PM to carry back to a savage Westminster.

But now the gambit cuts wo ways. It was tossed into seemingly paralysed by getary care to keep that strikes and about to be denied choice burnished. the pot at a moment of maxiany prospect of meeting the

was a further small source of trouble and a possible future excuse for cooling on the whole operation. But December has turned to January and the paralysis has eased. The French crisis did not, as the whooping sceptics of wish-fulfilment hoped, prove terminal. It's not over, but I assume John Major didn't see this coming. His breakfast speech is the cold cut of last neither is the difficult drive to economic convergence or Parisian determination to year. His ministers have spent the holidays in Tokyo hang on to Helmut Kohl's cost-tails. So the fabled or India, talking of trade or opportunity as though there was some kind of European report, when complete, can really only reach one of two conclusions. Either that the difficulties of a two-speed stage have been over-estimated; or that they are real

Maastricht conditions. Here

alternative out there. Emma has gone, coated in bile, but Margaret is back banging away as though her memoirs but need to be overcome. (Remember, Britain alone is weren't universally remain-dered in British bookshops at not treaty-bound to go ahead).

22 a time. The game of the middle way still ritually pro-ceeds. Newspapers owned by Australian-Americans still His ministers have claim to speak for Britain (and against European regubeen talking as

lation of their television though there was some European

alternative

Thus the expert ploy becomes, in reality, a commen-tary on the validity of the British position. We aren't in the Italian, or

even Belgian, boat. Our economy is within touching dis-tance of the Maastricht criteria. We could, relatively easily, be part of the 1999 inner core. We have a real choice. Kenneth Clarke, an EMU enthusiast with agnos-

Enter, then, the magisterial lumps, not one.

Margaret Thatcher, in last night's speech, diagnoses the Conservative Party's unpopularity: something a small state, and a move from the centre, could reverse

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9 examination of the dilemma we secured at Madrid. It can. to a greater or lesser extent. Hail Vivienne, only be a chronicle of reasons for signing up at the first time queen of of asking. It can only provide a desultory list of the harm to the British economy of staying outside. It must be the trigger point for Conservative all our hearts



Bel Littlejohn

REAT to see that VI-vienne Westwood is getting some sort of hard-won recognition at last.

interests). But the unreality is now allhard-won recognition at last. Why is it we spare so little time in praising our home-grown fashion designers? Be-sides tossing Vivienne an OBE, twice awarding her De-signer of the Year, and very, very occasionally allowing her enfolding, no codes and no ca-vortions left. John Major and Ken Clarke and Michael Heseltine have long known the truth, however disguised. It is that if economic and mone tary union begins, and begins to flourish, then at the first or second time of asking Britain on to TV and radio (she wasn't on last week at all and only twice the week before) we vir-tually ignore her. will join, as it has eventually joined every other European initiative. The opt-out was Have you noticed how, in

newspapers. Vivienne Westwood is always confined to the fashion and feature pages? Yet there is so much that is overtly *political* in her work that by rights she should be featured alongside Helmut Yohl. Sodiane Humania Kash whitehall assessment. The basic Whitehall assessment (what-ever odd advisers and bitter ex-Chancellors say) is bru-tally clear. The Union's own experts, summoned by Brit-ain, will shortly lay that out in inescapable detail. Two

Kohl, Saddam Hussein, Jack Straw and President Clinton. Example: in 1989, when the Berlin Wall came down, Vi-vienne celebrated with her brilliant Honecker Collection. in which models paraded wearing male suits influenced by the retired East German leader Erich Honecker, but with the material around the buttocks missing. "For me, the fabric around the buttocks represents the Berlin Wall -unduly constricting to per-sonal freedom," philosophised Vivienze on Start the Week, "Now the buttocks are cele-brating their new freedom. And it's only £399." Ever since the seventies, her

influence on fashion and popular culture has been all-pervasive. There is no one in public life whose style hasn't been touched by her genius. Take the royal family. All through the sixties and seventies, the een pever used to wear seethrough mauve velour tank-tops with one breast exposed to the air. Some will say she still doesn't, but that tells you more about the British establishment than about Vivienne Westwood. And I have it on good authority that the Queen Mother's recent hip-replace-ment surgery came about after she had been strutting around

leather bustier to lend her a voluptuous-yet-caring look en-tirely suited to the nineties. But ever since the seventies, Vivienne has remained at the forefront of the social revolu-tion. Sid Vicious, Johnny Rot-ten and whatever the other two Sex Pistols were called these names are now immor-tal. It was in 1976, from a small shop on the King's Road, with no more than a set of bicycle chains and a couple of safetychains and a couple of satery-pins, that Vivienne vowed to change society forever. A few weeks later, Harold Wilson made his surprise decision to quit Number 10, and on the very same day Lord Snowdon and Princess Margaret announced that they were to sep-arate. The Westwood revolution had begun.

The death of Chairman Mao

followed four months later. He was pictured lying in state wearing a distinctive Westwood "Mao" jacket. Such was the nature of Vivienne's growing international reputa-tion that millions of ordinary Chinese queued for hours in Tiananmen Square simply to catch a glimpse of it. Other Westwood-inspired events were to follow: the election of Margaret Thatcher, the fall of the Shah (the Ayatollah was always very influenced by Westwood, though his long beard often hid his jewel-en-crusted plunge-neck bustier) and the economic growth of the Pacific Rim among them. Just as Vivienne had redefined the seventies, so she now set about inventing the eighties. Her appeal was al-ways rooted in a passionate quest to create the unexpected, using fine art, philosophy and literature as her inspiration. She rarely went anywhere without a book, and in 1981 she redesigned her famous platform heels to incorporate a small pocket library of the Complete Works of William Shakespeare. From the world of philosophy, there was no one she admired more than

Montaigne, though she had reservations about his eveningwear collection. Now Viv is to become the

official standard-bearer of the Blair revolution Introduced to Biar revolution infroduced to the Party by her friend Bar-bara Follett, she has set about breathing new life into New Labour, and her spring "Stakeholder" collection is al-ready catching on, each design based on the ethos surround-ing a key New Labour politi-cian. Already street-wise kids are donning Westwood de Clarence House in Viv's eight- are donning Westwood-designed clip-on red beards and crumpled brows in pursuit of this season's Robin Cook look, and Oxford Street shops are reporting a run on the Jack Straw leisurewear collection. Whare next for this way-ward genius? She has already revolutionised the way we see fashion. Never again will we be able to look at a £1,200 price be wearing a selection from Vivienne's caring new Cal-think that it's just for the very cutta range, featuring silk "rags" in beautiful browns essential part of the subver-and beiges stitched together sive humour that makes such with her distinctive safety a classic British designer. Hail pins and drawn in over a Genius! Hail Vivienne!

ingly tedious homophobia. Mr Johnson protests just a little too much"), I will say only this Paul may not he able to look after himself, but one more malicious, tmpertinent word on the sub-ject, and Boris the Jackal Johnson will be released from his cage. You have been warned.

T Westminster, there A is concern that the office responsible for their Lordships' security documents is no longer able to cope with its workload, following the issuing of a full pass to a dog. The pass has a small photograph of the animal, which belongs to an unnamed peer, and the identification reference "K9". Plans to add a paw print were abandoned due to lack of space on the pass.

HERE are rumours that Mr John Birt has contrived another master stroke. This time. says an anonymous BBC source, it's something called ... wait for it ... the Efficiency Vision Office. A power structure designed by Mr Birt and management consultants Mckinsey to 'streamline" something or other, its existence has so far been impossible to confirm! The corporate press office denies having heard of it, while one distin-guished BBC TV presenter, wearly sighs: "It's news to me, bit it sounds like the usualsort of bollocks. Nothing would surprise me any more Nothing." Anyone with information about the Efficiency Vision Office, its philosophy and workings is invitel to share it with the Diary

ATS off to the Press Association for a rare temptat wit. Yesterday's record cinnabis seizure was made the news agency reports, "during a joint op-eration between police and custons officers"

I DON' BELIEVE THAT THE CHUROOF ENGLAND EXISTS.





he common ground

HE kind of Conservatism which Keith Joseph and I favoured would be best described as "liberal", in the old-fashioned sense. And I mean the liberalety need ultimately to be ism of Mr Gladstone, not of guaranteed by the state. It is Marxists, not Conservatives, the latter-day collectivists. That is to say, we placed far greater confidence in individwho imagined — or at least pretended to imagine — that uals, families, businesses and the state would wither away. neighbourhoods than in the No. What marks out our Conservative vision is the in-But the view which became an orthodoxy in the early part sight that the state - govern-ment - only underpins the conditions for a prosperous and fulfilling life. It does not

of this century — and a dogma by the middle of it — was that the story of human and functing life. It does not generate them. Moreover, the very existence of this state, with its huge capacity for evil, is a potential threat to all the moral, cultural, social and progress in the modern world was the story of increasing state power. Progressive leg-islation and political moveeconomic benefits of freedom. States, societies and econo-mies which allow the distinc-tive talents of individuals to ments were assumed to be the ones which extended the in-tervention of government. It was in revolt against this flourish, themselves also flourish. Those which dwarf, trend and the policies it bred that Hayek wrote The Road to Seridom, which had such a crush, distort, manipulate or great effect upon me. The left claimed all the arignore them cannot progress. The principles which Keith stated, and which formed the

guments of principle, and all that remained to the right were the arguments of accoun-tancy — essentially, when and how socialism could be afbasis of the policies the Conservative government pur-sued when I was Prime Minister, are as true and as forded. It was this fundamen relevant now as they were tal weakness at the heart of Conservatism which ensured two decades ago. And avoiding debate about the large issues of government and politics leads to directionless that even Conservative politi-cians regarded themselves as destined merely to manage a failure. Splits and disagreesteady shift to some kind of socialist state. But all that was never did a party so much not just bad politics. If was harm as the absence of hon-

false philosophy - and counterfeit history.

state.

Let me remind you why. Creativity is necessarily a have been differences ... on occasion. But these have alquality which pertains to individuals. Indeed, perhaps the one immutable law of anthropology is that we are all different. Now, of course, indi-tives should be. What is viduals can't fulfil their required now is to ensure potential without a society in which to do so. I have never minimised the elected Conservative govern-I have never minimised the ment can go further towards importance of society, only

fulfilling them. The attraccontested the assumption that society means the state rather tions of opposition are exaggerated by those who have not experienced it. than other people. Conservatives do not take an extreme atomistic view of society. We But judging from the opin-need no lectures about the ion polls, opposition is where creed would be better de yuppies today! It also allowed

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importance of custom, con-vention, tradition, belief, national institutions or what the ancient Romans would de-scribe as "piety". Nor do we dispute that the bonds of soci-offer. And from Mr Blair's New - or not so new Labour Party there is much to ear. But we must not ignore the present discontent. Some of it is more or less

inevitable. A constant struggle is required to ensure that long-serving govern-ments don't run out of steam. I always regarded it as neces sary to combine my role as Prime Minister with that of chief stoker, so as to keep up the pressure. The Conservative Party

today has problems not be-cause our analysis has been wrong or our principles faulty. Our difficulties are due to the fact that, in certain limited but important respects, our policies and per-formance have not lived up to our analysis and principles. That is why the current

idea put around by some malcontents, that the Conserva-tive Party is in trouble be-cause it has moved to the right, and that this is what needs to be remedied, is baloney.

> is it because the Government has not spent, borrowed

ments over important issues and taxed enough that people are discontented? Or is it that est, principled debate. It is no secret that between we have gone too far towards increasing government spending, borrowing and tax-John Major and me there ation? The answer is obvious, We are unpopular, above all; because the middle classes --ways been differences about how to achieve objectives, and all those who aspire to join the middle classes — feel that they no longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from a Conserva-

tive government. I am not sure what is meant servatism". As far as I can tell spicuous consumption by their views on European though what would we give

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vailed in the eighties - small towards the end of that period, government, a property-own-ing democracy, tax cuts, de-regulation and national sov-ereignty — is profoundly mistaken. That mistake in the general advance of pros-perity was solidly based upon real economic improvements.

not big government.

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most cases has its origins in the acceptance of the picture of the eighties which has been painted by the critics. That decade changed the direction of Britain to such an extent that it is unlikely that even a Labour government would altogether reverse it - try as they might.

Inflation was brought down, without the use of the prices and incomes controls which the great and the good all agreed were indispens-able. Public spending as a share of GDP fell, which allowed tax rates to be cut — and awgenument horpowing and government borrowing was reduced. We repaid debt: 364 economists who claimed that it was madness to think that you could get economic growth by cutting government borrowing were proved wrong, I'm told they were never the same again, Reform of the public fi-nances was matched by

reform of the trade unions, deregulation and privatisa-tion of industries and a great extension of ownership of in fact

The economic growth and the improvement of living standards which resulted from these reforms were so great that for a time materialism, rather than poverty, became the main accusation against us. "Hunting the yuppie" became the favourite sport of the neo-puritan, liverish left. The reality was that by those who say that the party should return to some thing called "One Nation Con-was not just expressed in con-

This is an edited version of Lady Thatcher's Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture

inch sawn-off heels, only to come a cropper on the parquet of the state dining hall. As style consultant to the Princess of Wales, I am en-couraging Diana to wear more Westwood this coming season. "You want the public to feel sorry for you." I explain. For her visits to hostels for the homeless, the Princess will



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10 OBITUARIES

Hubert Nicholson

Late light in Fitzrovia

the poet and novelist who died yes terday, aged 87, once heard Dylan Thomas, the up and coming star of the literary thirties im-provising verse at the bar of the Wheatsheaf in Fitzrovia. "He had a fair hairless complexion," recalled Nicholson, "exceedingly round, pale star-ing eyes and ivy leaves stuck in his curly hair. He declaimed I love thee for thy sweet perfume/ One two three four five six, 200m

UBERT Nicholson.

Nicholson's own poetry was harder-wrought and so was his prose. He published over 30 books. including novels, criti-cism and plays. His final collection of poems. Late Light, appeared in 1987, but his dedication to poetry never ceased. He was the literary executor of A S J Tessimond (the author of Bernard Levin's favourite poem. Cats. still one of the most anthologised poems of the century) and founding father of the Epsom Poetry Group, still going strong after 46 years.

During that time, without any paid subscription or for-mal membership, it has played host to dozens of contemporary writers, ranging from George Barker (who demanded a fee to give a reading) and Alan Brownichn (who didn't), and

introduced its audience - old | original. He urged Hubert to attend university, but he members now bring their children - to the poetry of every refused in favour of what he age and nation. Nicholson crecalled the real world and beated it in the name of friendcame a journalist, starting as copy boy and rising to subship and because spreading editor at a salary of five shil-lings (25p) a week. the word was a family tradition He was born in Hull, where "The subs," he wrote later,

his father and mother attended penny readings ("A literary snackbar," Nicholson recalled. "were tame men, even the cho-leric sort who filled themselves with beer and then yelled at the editor, but the reporters where on Saturday afternoon, snippets of the classics and the fashionable writers of the day were read aloud"). His father seemed to me a gang of Elizabethan pirates at the very least. They worked odd hours. was a typesetter and dedicated they never went home, they had wild parties, they came drunk to the office." self-improver who taught him-self to read Don Quixote in the

It's a pleasure

The cold wind of expecting nothing more

- Even this can be loved As a boy loves the anguish on the dockside corner, Where the northeaster scaly with snow
- In from the heartbreaking Faroes Cuts with a reek of cod across the chaps,
- Yet carries like another air in its core
- The unforgotten kiss of some warm room
- To lay on his flinching pores.
- So there is found a coin in the ragged pocket of years,
- A tiny sun falling down the last blear vista, Memories like lovable promises
- Even in the cold wind of expecting nothing more.

Hubert Nicholson, The Mbrage In The South (Heinemann 1955)

Gabrielle Keiller

Seizing life by the throat

GABRIELLE KEILLER, who I in the front entrance hall at has died aged 87, was one of Britain's great collectors of Surrealist art. Earlier in her life she had been a champion international golfer, winning the 1948 Ladies Open in Luxembourg. Her interest in collecting developed as a child, but was nurtured by her third husband, the archaeologist and member of the marmalade family, Alexander Keiller. When the couple bought Tele-graph Cottage on Kingston Hill, one of General Eisenhower's war-time residences, Gabrielle created a woodland garden where many of the sculptures she collected were

Gabrielle's home, Telegraph Cottage, was supplanted by an Edward Burra collage. Friendships with art dealers Freddy Mayor and Robert Fraser were lubricants in acquiring new works - a Leger in the dining room, a Bellmer in the study. Later, a back room was converted into a small cinema (a print of Kenneth Anger's Inauguration Of The Pleasure Dome was purchased from Robert Fraser). and, in a short time, Gabrielle Keiller had become an important collector of Surrealism. This collection rested happily in Telegraph Cottage side by side with a large aquarium

time life had taken a

spins

Nicholson also became a Nicholson joined Reuters in reporter, making his way to 1945 and worked there as a London by way of Bristol and senior sub-editor until his Cheltenham. His first book of retirement in 1968. For many poems sold out. He married a ears he lived with the novel successful illustrator named ist, Barbara Collard. They had Molly (suppressing her sur-name after their subsequent two sons and a daughter. The eldest boy, Paul, committed suicide by jumping from Clif-ton suspension bridge ("Jumpdivorce) and set up house in Bloomsbury, where he rubbed. shoulders with the local hoboing," he wrote in a last letter. hemia, whose luminaries in-"is only falling by choice") and cluded Nina Hamnett, Arthur it was largely due to his father's urgings that his poetry was broadcast posthumously by the BBC. Calder Marshall, David Gascoyne and William Empson. Mostly they met at bottle par-

As a young poet, Nicholson was praised by Edith Sitwell, and in his middle years, when he was an ardent supporter of ties. In the first she months of 1937, Nicholson recalled, he went to 25. "The settings in which they took place were mostly of a patietn: square, neat rooms with white or offthe left, he shared space and sympathies with Anden and C Day Lewis. But he was never modish. He remained an unre-generate provincial. white walls, each flat with roughly the same books, the same Ellington and Hot Club records, the same few chaste woodcuts or etchings, the same Yorkshireman to the marrow and deeply suspicious of liter-ary flash. He was the best of monkish blankness and austerity, with a single cactus in a jar or a doll's eye or a cancerous marrow or an odd found object' in a class case."

Nicholson's eye for period detail was precise and unspar-ing He published a brief chap-ter of autobiography, Haff My Days And Nights, in 1941, but it was done to death by paper rationing and net precisived a reading fee Philip Oakoa rationing and not reprinted until 40 years later - by which

friends, ready with advice and generous with encouragement Last September, the Epsom Group honoured him with a programme of his own poetry. Nicholson attended in his lchair. He did not charge whee

Geoffrey Pinnington

Hubert Nicholson, poet and nove ist, born January 23, 1908; died January 11, 1996

> Navigator of Fleet Street

LEET STREET — as, Leader by the end of the war. generically, we must That special glance of a navi-still call the newspaper shows a warning signal to his gator's warning signal to his pilot, the fixed "fireball" eye stare, was still there when it village — has lost an-other of its giant talents with the death of Geoffrey Pinningswept across a subs table at the Herald or the Mirror and ton, aged 76. later when he edited the Sun-

He was not only physically a big man; his intellect, his courage and his journalistic day People. It set the alarm bells ringing. vision matched the towering Pinnington was a Londone physique, and it was only be-cause those inescapable, merwith strong north-west Eng-land links (one of his schools curial twists of chance threw a was Rock Ferry High in Birbarrier across his outstanding ability that Pinnington was kenhead). He spent the bulk of his working life in London prevented from editing one, possibly two, national daily

papers - the Daily Herald and the Daily Mirror. He was a

The Guardian Friday January B 1996



Spreading the word . . . Hubert Nicholson, praised by Edith Sitwell

paper towards nuclear disar-Birthdays nament. Immediately, that

shift triggered a nuclear explosion inside a divided Labour Movement, and espe-cially with Hugh Gaitskell. Labour Party leader. Gait-Kirstie Alley, actres, 41; Anthony Andrews. ackr. 48 skell fumed and raged against the Herald — but Machray and Pinnington stood their ground. In the end, Gaitskell won and Machray was replaced by the late John Beavan (Lord Ardwick), while Pinnington moved across to the Daily Mirror to become night editor. Arguably, it was the move that made Pinnington into a Fleet Street legend - though he would dearly have loved to edit the Herald as a left-of-centre broadsheet, challenging Labour's Estab-lishment, Pinnington's socialism was based on deep and profound religious beliefs — which, characteristically, he usually kept under his careful guard. He was clearly in line to after studying at King's Col-lege. London. His journalistic of the Daily Mirror when Lee life began as a reporter on the Middleser. Independent and, overlooked. The story goes

Hazel Aronson QC, Seriff fazel Aronson gc, serin of Lothian and Bordes at Edinburgh, 50; Micael Aspel, broadcaster, 63; ong John Baldry, singer 55: P W Botha, former pesi-dent, South Africa, 80, Dr Fiona Caldicott, presient. Royal College of Psychitry, 55; Stella Cunliffe, staistician, 79; Brendan Foter, former Olympic athlete, 48; Joe Frazier, boxer, 52; laroness Hilton of Eggaron, former head of training, let-ropolitan Police, 60; Herry Hodge, solicitor, 52; Ame Howells, soprano, 55; ay McShann, jazz pianist, or anist, composer, 80; Jin Mortimer, former geneal secretary, Labour Party, 5; Des O'Connor, comedia, singer, 64; William Pleen, cellist. 80; Luise Raine, actress, 56; Sir John Renni;

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Her husband died in 1955 and Gabrielle gave up golf the following year. As well as collecting art works, she acquired many artists' books and Surrealist literature. She began collecting Eduardo Paolozzi's work in 1963 and became a close friend of the artist and his principal patron.

IKE a cross-section of the earth in a children's encyclopaedia where the various periods of evolution are shown as layers, so the layers of Gabrielle Keiller's life clearly represent different epochs.

Perhaps her complex experience - first as a child at Glenveagh Castle and later as part of the French landscape - were already preparing the way towards her appreciation of Surrealism

Coming out of a long period of mourning after the tragic death of her beloved husband, Alexander Reiller, she embraced a new interest in modern art, accompanied by a family friend, Wyn Henderson. In 1960, together they went to see Peggy Guggen-heim (an old friend of Wyn Henderson) in Venice, and the British Pavilion at the Biennale. The lifting of the curtain of this particular world was a revelation to an appreciative and willing In time, the small Breughel

containing sunfish, and champagne cocktails served in blue glass goblets (a cus-tom inherited from Alexander Keiller). As the collection grew, the sense of Arcadia was enhanced by the acquisition of new objects, key works of Dada and Surrealism such as the Boite En Valise of Duchamp and the wooden Objet Désagreable of Giacometti from that other great British collector of Surrealism. Roland Penrose. These ob ects and paintings rested in harmony with the other artefacts in the room, with plants from the garden, or in the book-filled study; a setting that would have pleased

André Breton. The presence of Frank Lloyd, a director of the Mariborough Gallery, as a neighbour resulted in a Bacon which hung over the projection hatch in the In the classic English man-

ner. Gabrielle Keiller wa rather shy and made a prodi-Gabrielle Keiller. gious effort to cover her natural reserve by acting as a guide at the Tate Gallery. This, on its own, demonstrates her form of courage and her ability to seize life by pany of welders in Ipswich. Her days were filled. She would go to Paris to see a Balthus exhibition at the the throat. She always faced up to a challenge - such as taking the advanced motoring certificate, which she found difficult but passed with consummate ease. It might be considered by students of

Gabrielle Keiller Dame Des Fleurs at Rober

deep psychology that she had Fraser's flat - with David an urge to distinguish herself Niven and two Hollywood starlets as fellow guests. Next at an activity approved of by her adored late husband, who day her duties at the Tate had privately sponsored British car racing. would include a lecture on William Blake.

Good looking, with an ath-letic stride, Gabrielle could be By coincidence, at the time heard approaching by a musiof a fire at Telegraph Cottage in 1986, I found an old file cal jingle which was produced by a large bracelet made from containing a photograph of the many medals she had Gabrielle playing golf with the been awarded in golf champi-onships. This was a talisman King and Queen of Belgium, and programmes for the Mosfrom her earlier life. Alas, cow Arts Production of Go gol's Dead Souls, and a Chichthis prized trophy was lost at Dakar on the way to São Paulo. The loss was brushed aside with characteristic ester Festival production of Othello, with Laurence Olivier. The range of her interests dignity. In the 1960s, it was still vas bottomless and visits to

Telegraph Cottage always in-cluded chance meetings with possible to acquire new works people from varied walks of life. Arriving for lunch to find that had never been seen in Europe before. Robert Frathe leading garden expert of the world, with Len Hutton ser's first gallery held an exhibition of Richard Lindner's and Frank Lloyd as fellow work, consisting of 12 large paintings; 11 of these were guests, would be the norm. returned to New York unsold and the 12th was bought by She was a splendid and won-derful woman. Unique in

very sense. Her loss is diffi-Washington, New York and cult to estimate. I will always Hamburg were all familiar to her, and she was equally at remember her as possessing an indefinable and complex combination of qualities ease in the company of senior art officials as with a comnot the least of which was modesty.

Sir Eduardo Paolozzi

Musée Des Arts Décoratifs Gabrielle Keiller, collector and golter, born August 10, 1908; died and return at midnight to a screening of Genet's Notre mber 23, 1995

mission statement by and for

rilliant Number 2 on both. Perhaps one should also orilliant Number add that the Pinnington temperament as a tough, rigorou

disciplinarian. as well as someone who displayed a resolute indifference to anything approaching unctiousness to the Establishment. was also a handicap.

When Pinnington was night editor of the Daily Mirror in the sixties, at the peak of that paper's power and circula-tion, the Mirror backbench was the most feared in Fleet Street. Around him he built a team of brilliant production ournalists, who not only idolised Pinnington but were also wary of his wrath. The team regarded him effectively as the paper's editor -, for in those days, with Hugh Cudlipp "upstairs", and Lee Howard taking over editor-ship from Jack Nener. the Mirror backbench ran the most effective tabloid daily in

the world. Perhaps it was the way years that gave Pinnington that sharply disciplined edge He served in Bomber Com mand; and as a navigator he guided into action the most attractive, yet dangerously vulnerable, bomber of all: the Wellington. Pinnington grew to love the "Wimpey", with its extraordinary capacity to take flak. He became one of the most experienced and

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Its view is expansive ... The

America go on forever. Presi-

dent Reagan had that gift too. From its window, you can

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As part of that loosening operation, Machray and Pinlongest serving navigators in the RAF, rising to Squadron nington decided to pitch the

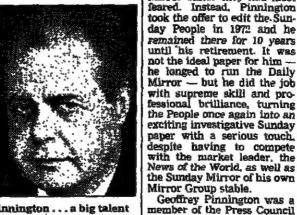
> doing and almost see inside a bit, too... This room represents something unique about the American sense of democracy. It is situated in such a way that we - voters and Presidents - can keep one another always in mind. President Bill Clinton looks out of his Oval Room window on the little people below. Rivalling the columnising of

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that when Rupert Murdoch became editor of the Kensing-Sun editorial executives ton Post - which he used to heard that Pinnington has dit from the local library not been appointed they all because office accommod roared with elee: he was the Mirror editor they had most



Pinnington . . . a big talent

tion was limited. He began his career in national newspapers on the old Daily Herald as deputy news editor in 1955, and two years later be-came the Herald's northern editor in Manchester. A year

was truly the embodiment of that old saw: a man to go into later he was brought back to any juncle with London as deputy editor to Douglas Machray. It was a time when the Daily Herald He is survived by his wife. Beryl, and by their two was fighting for its Life daughters. (though it still had a circulation of 1,500,000) and trying to **Geoffrey Goodman** loosen ties with the TUC.

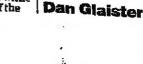
Geotfrey Pinnington, journalist born March 21, 1919; died December 24, 1995

sional and personal terms, he

Usenet discussion groups beworld's population isonline. lieved to include explicit sex-What the Net offersis the uality ... Once again the promise of a new social space, jackboots of the Industrial Era can be heard stomping cluelessly around the Infobahn. In fact, the Germans did almost nothing to staunch the flow of sexual material As Internet pioneer John Gilmore once said, "the Net interprets censorship as damage and routes around it" oritarian powers on earth. That's why Germany the But the issue at stake here is larger than whether the good People's Republic of China people of Munich can prevent others half a world away from looking at pictures of sexually misused hamsters. These apparently trivial struggles may in fact be the opening fissures of a historical discontinuity.

The real issue is control. The Internet is too widespread to be easily dominated by any single government. By creating a seamless globaleconomic zone, borderless and unregulatable, the Internet calls into question the

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ABOUT 18 months ago, I went to see Four Weddings And A Funeral at a North London cineplex. Very soon I was filled with an urge to be doing something else (standing at a bus stop in the rain, for example); and under normal circumstances I would have walked out after 10 or 15 minutes. But these weren't normal circumstances. Beside me sat Salman Rushdie. For various reasons ---various security reasons we had to stay. Thus the Ayatollah Khomeini had condemned me to sit through Four Weddings And A Funeral; and no Iranian

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a few social lessons, in ago-nising surroundings. It felt like a reversal of the Charles Addams cartoon: I sat there, thoroughly aghast, while everyone about me (save the author of The Satanic Verses giggled and gurgled, hugging hemselves with the deliciousness of it all. The only good bit was when you realised that the titular funeral was going to feature Simon Callow. I clenched my list and said yes. At least one of

torturer could have elicited a

greater variety of winces and

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flinches, of pleadings and whimperings. One was

them was going to die. "Well," I said, when it was over, "that was bottomlessly horrible. Why is it so popular?" "Because," said Salman, "the world has bad taste.

Didn't you know that?" Martin Amis goes to the movies with Salman Rushdie. From the New Yorker. yoghurt and young men wearing earrings. For us That was when

WE WERE born before television, before penicillin,

polio shots, frozen foods, "hardware" meant nuts and Xerox, plastic, contact lenses videos, Frisbees and the Pill. bolts and "software' wasn't a word We were before radar, credit From We Are Survivors

beams and ballpoint pens. before dishwashers, tumble those who were born before 1940, and produced in aid of th driers, electric blankets, air Myton Hamlet Haspice. conditioners, drip-dry clothes ... and before man Bill 'n' Ronnie walked on the moon. We got

cards, split atoms, laser

oversized raincoat and

for a bus.

THERE IS a room on the married first and then lived second floor of the White together. We thought "fast House called the Yellow Oval

food" was what you ate at Lent, a "big Mac" was an Room, and I gather that this remains President Reagan's favourite place in the great 'crumpet" we had for tea. We house we have both been existed before house husprivileged to inhabit. I bring bands, computer dating, dual this up because the Yellow careers, and when a "mean-Oval Room, more than any ingful relationship" meant getting along with cousins, and "sheltered accommoda other place in this magnifi-cent old building, best sums up Ronald Reagan's greatest tion" was where you waited gift to us as President - the We were before day care way his own unwavering hopefulness reminded us that

centres, group homes and dis posable nappies. We never optimism is one of our most heard of FM radio. tape decks fundamental virtues. No one room could better represent electric typewriters, artifiwhat Americans love about cial hearts, word processors, President Reagan. We remember the sunniness of his temperament during

time-sharing" meant togetherness, a "chip" was a eight years in office; the room's colour gives it a piece of wood or fried potato.



work along Constitution Ave nue, children playing softhall his wife, Hillary, Bill's culogy on the Elipse. And they can to former President Reagan look up from what they are ppeared in Vanity Fair.

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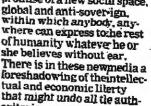
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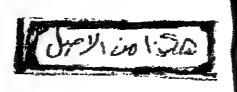
TWO WEEKS ago a prosecutor in Munich managed almost casually, to strike a blow against freedom of expression. Though he is a person of such obscurity that most of the accounts I've read of this incident didn't even

very idea of a nation-state. No wonder nation-states are rushing to get their levers of control into cyberspace while less than one per cent of the

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and the US are girding to light the net using the popular distaste for pruri-nce as their longest lever. Former Grateful Deal lyricist turned Internet activit John Perry Barlow takes on the would-be censors in tie imaginatively titled Thinking Globally, Acting Locally, published in Time mugazine. lackdaw wants youtjeweis, E-





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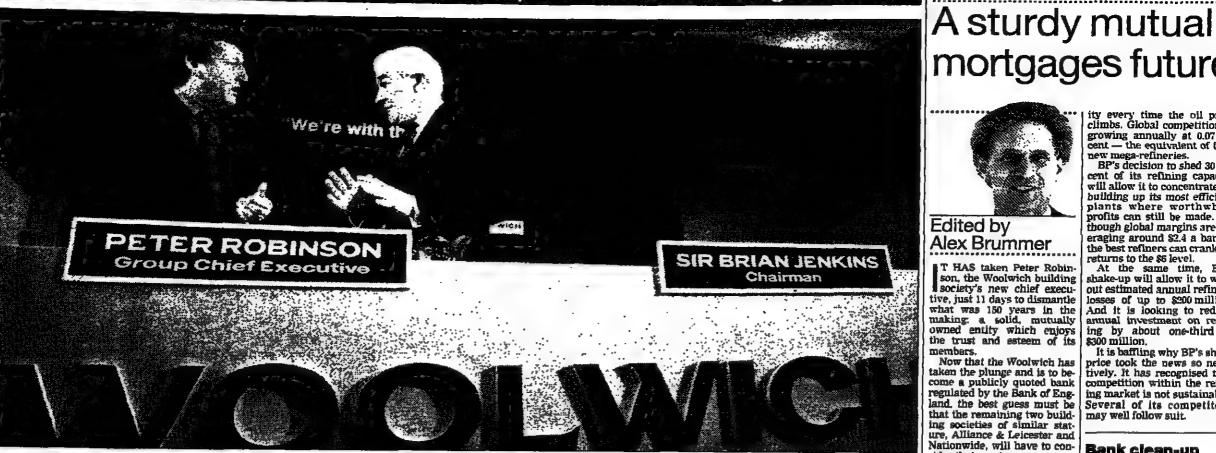
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Pressure grows on building societies to make up their minds on a change of status



Woolwich chief Peter Robinson (left) and chairman Sir Brian Jenkins. The society 'has no intention of allowing itself to be overtaken by events'.

Alliance tipped to follow Woolwich

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Torona Huntle and Cliff Jones

HE building society world will lose one of its staunchest defendkets are producing intense competition that will polarise the industry into well-defined

ers following the Woolwich's announcement players. "The Woolwich is not a niche player and has no in-tention of allowing itself to be yesterday that it plans to convert to a bank next year.

A close competitor, the Alliance & Leicester, is predicted overtaken by events, as larger to follow soon, despite saying yesterday it did not intend to groups form in our marketplace." Rob Thomas, UBS housing be rushed into a decision. The Woolwich's move put

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analyst, said the remaining societies must decide whether more pressure on other building societies to decide where they wish to convert to public their future lies. Sir Brian Jeukins, chairman of the companies, which they have been imitating for years, or Woolwich, said plc status was return to their historical

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Peter Robinson, the chief executive, said: "Powerful forces for change in the peronal financial services mar-BUILDING SOCIETY groups of large and niche

mast, may finally account for less than a quarter of the morigage lending market. Nationwide chief executive, Brian Davies, said: "We undertook a thorough review of our status, and concluded it was not in the interests of our members to spend a lot of their

money becoming a bank." Other societies such as the Bristol & West, Britannia and Skipton have yet to make up their mind. They must ask bow long their members will be content for their building society to preserve large profits, while others are getting big windfalls. Members are gradually

realising how rich their societies are. Profits increased as tional capital and more scope

nailed flags to the mutual | £14 million to £57 million. | became a bank in 1989, and it those at the Nationwide swelled from £172 million to £345 million and the Wool-wich itself pushed profits up from £149 million to £303 million.

Profits for last year are expected to be 20 per cent higher at the Woolwich, the UK's third largest building society, which has assets of some £28 billion, 12 subsidiaries

and overseas operations. However, the Woolwich's costs are high, with a cost in-come ratio above the industry's average at 48 per cent, compared with the Halifax's 41 per cent. The society said conversion would allow it

greater freedom to raise addi-

fered. In making the decision to go public, the Woolwich has bought into the argument recently agreed a merger with the National & Provincial The biggest ever building society flotation will take made fashionable by Peter Birch of the Abbey National, place next year when the which is that the plc form Halifax, newly merged with the Leeds, comes to the maroffers building societies the chance to raise capital and ket in a £10 billion sale. nake acquisitions. Woolwich members will

Both arguments are ques-tionable. The logic of giving away some £3 billion of capivote on its proposals in the spring of next year and a protest group may emerge. Among them could be the tal to members simply to be able to raise more is circular. Yorkshiremen — who missed the qualifying date by open-Moreover, mutuals have shown themselves just as able to make acquisitions — the ing accounts since the turn of Alliance & Leicester has merged with Girobank — as public companies. Indeed, the the year. To qualify for a basic hand-out of free shares,

ity every time the oil price climbs. Global competition is growing annually at 0.07 per cent — the equivalent of four

new mega-refineries. BP's decision to shed 30 per cent of its refining capacity will allow it to concentrate on building up its most efficient plants where worthwhile profits can still be made. Although global margins are averaging around \$2.4 a barrel, the best refiners can crank up returns to the \$6 level.

T HAS taken Peter Robin-son, the Woolwich building society's new chief execu-At the same time, BP's shake-up will allow it to wipe out estimated annual refining losses of up to \$200 million. And it is looking to reduce annual investment on refintive, just 11 days to dismantle what was 150 years in the making: a solid, mutually owned entity which enjoys ing by about one-third to \$300 million. the trust and esteem of its

It is baffling why BP's share price took the news so nega-Now that the Woolwich has taken the plunge and is to be-come a publicly quoted bank regulated by the Bank of Eng-land, the best guess must be tively. It has recognised that competition within the refining market is not sustainable. Several of its competitors may well follow suit. that the remaining two build-ing societies of similar stat-ure, Alliance & Leicester and

Nationwide, will have to con-Bank clean-up

Despite some efforts in the building society movement to Bare like football refer-ees. The less they are noticed, the better they are preserving the mutual for-mat, there is no reason to besaid to be performing. Once will do anything but cash in the shares that will be of either has to start reaching for the red cards, however,

controversy erupts. The Bank of England has been no stranger to regulatory controversy, most recently over the Barings af-fair, where it came in for sharp criticism and a string of recommendations from the Board of Banking Supervi-

aion (Bobs). Yesterday the Bank delivared an interim response to the Bobs proposals which, not surprisingly, asserted it was making good progress towards meeting them. There is a commonsense air about much of the work now going on. Making sure banks ap-point a senior director to take responsibility for statistical returns will concentrate na ensure might otherwise be dismissed as a clerical chore is given a higher profile. The guidelines laid down for what consti-tutes "significant risk" should also ensure that alarm bells start ringing earlier than at Barings. Nor are closer links with other regulators likely to come amiss. However, the best bit of Bobs is yet to come. In spring or early summer, Arthur Andersen will deliver its inde-pendent verdict on how the Bank shapes up against its regulatory peers. Can't wait!

Edited by Alex Brummer

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for "profitable growth". The Abbey National blazed and they must remain mem-Movement is left in the Building society payouts June 1989 Abbey National converted to bank status hands of true believers April 1984 Lloyds Bank announced takeover of Chettenham & Gloucester Building society. C&G members receive minimum payout of £500 New 1994 Halkax & Leeds announce merger and conversion to benk status. Expected payout of \$500 free shares for members of both socializa

while the sector

said. Societies, such

OUTLOOK/lan Wylie reports on options facing those who are left

A NOTHER pillar of the building society move-ment crumbled yester-day, but the walls stood firm in branches of the Tipton & Nationwide and Woolwich Coseley, Ilkeston Permanent and Earl Shilton. The Woolwich's plan to nows such as the Dryfield

wich.

Trust, Londonderry Provi-dent, Mercantile and Vernon. Mortgage tables tell a similar float places the medium-tolarge societies in a predica-ment. Yesterday, most edged their souls to remainstory. Behind the counter, howing mutually-owned organisa-tions, but pressure to convert, ever, smaller societies are

or at least merge grows stron-ger with every defection. The building society move-ment has been shrinking for 50 years, and since 1989, can raise cheap finance when the Abbey National con-verted to bank status, the secwholesale, smaller societies

vilouesau, superior and the source of their money-will ease some of their moneytor will have lost almost 44 per cent of its total assets, inraising restrictions and the Building Societies Associacluding the loss of the Wool-

tion is investigating ways in which societies could "feder-ate" to share costs for such Last week's merger be-tween the City and Metropoli-tan building society and the

critical mass of mortgage and by Touche Ross rejected deposit accounts to make claims that the current wave them worthwhile takeover of building society flotations targets, let alone conversion and takeovers would obliter-prospects. ate the sector. However, the On the evidence of "best buy" guides, business for study warned that only the "small, lean and focused' socimany of the smaller societies etles would survive. has never been so good. This month's Consumers' Associa-Some smaller societies, such as the Cumberland, have dangled loyalty bonuses in the form of mortgage distion report on Tax Exempt Special Savings Accounts (Tessas) excludes the Halifax, counts and savings increases.

Building society analyst Rob Thomas of UBS believes most small and medium sized societies could afford to give away a loyalty bonus of at least 1 per cent on their mortgage rates. But others consider bonuses to be only a stop-gap solution. BSA chairman and Portman chief executive Ken Culley says they "take us closer to something which we are not" and sees the only way forward being for societ-ies to differentiate homeelves Many have already beeded the advice. Some, such as the Market Harborough have developed innovative mortgage

products allowing parents to assist first-time buyers. The three-branch Chorley & as wholesale fund-raising through branch where cus-

naembers to be awarded 5500 free Abbey shares Jan 1996 Woolwich amounces conversion to PLC. Members impocied to racine at least 2500 free shares Possible windfalls Leicester E590 The favourite to follow the Woolwich. Big enough to stand on its own as a bank Bingley E600 Committed to mutuality, but could take over a smaller society to become one of the largest Belactol & 2390 Could be tempted to merge with a west 2390 similar society to compete Britannia 2630 It could be a takeover target for a large bank Chelson E1000 It could be a takeover target for a large bank Covernity 2600 Assets of £3.21 billion, could merge with another small society Tipped to follow Wootwich and become a bank. Assets £35.7 billion Northern 2500 "Dedicated to our members' remains the Rock 2500 case, but could merge with another

the building society movement lies in its roots. The Marsden building society, a ploneer of in-branch debt counsellors, is developing a role in social housing in Lancashire. Through initiatives with hous-

without leaving their cars. Others believe the future of the building society movement dation, while the banks and larger societies slug it out for owner-occupiers. "Building societies were es tablished to meet a need for housing, not for banking," he says. "Even if the building soci-

Stroud & Swindon was un-usual; small-society mergers have tailed off. Few societies outside the top 20 have the A report published last July gage or deposit savings

Robinson proves a quick mover THE decision to sell the Woolwich was taken just two days after its new chief

control of the society, writes Peresa Hunter, **Refining returns** The building society world had long speculated that the Woolwich would acquire a very different kind of chief executive when the mild-mancosts of slimming its oil refinery operations, that will nered Donald Kirkham, a ong-standing disciple of mube money well spent. tuality, retired at the end of The company insists it can find buyers for the three refineries it is shutting down. But it is hard to see who will last year. As recently as last June, Mr Kirkham warned that convertion to plc status would mean lower savings buy loss-making assets in a business that bas always rates for investors. Yet the decision to become a

proved a triumph of hope over hard commercial bank was taken two days after Mr Robinson, a flamboyant The tempting aspect of new oll refineries is that there are South London "boy" who has been chief executive in waiting for nearly a decade, moved no technological barriers to entry. This has resulted in a into the hot seat. But then after 30 years with

the Woolwich he has had a long time to think about it ---and he comes from a dynamic family. His brother Alan Rob-inson is reputed to have made £10 million when Jackson's estate agents, of which he was a co-owner, was sold to the Halifax in the mid-1980s.

The decision to convert the Woolwich into a bank would not have been Mr Robinson's alone. The board acquired a new "Cityfocused" chairman last year in Sir Brian Jenkins, a former Lord Mayor of London.

members must have had sav-ings of at least \$100 with the society on December 31, 1995 effective second-line societies - such as the Britannia and the Chelsea - are just as great for a mutual as for a pic. The net result of the Woolwich move is that it will become a takeover target as soon as it comes out of the five-year cooling-off period provided by the Building Societies Act. As a mutual the Woolwich is one of the bigger beasts in the jungle; as pub-licly quoted bank it is a minnow that will be picked off in the blink of an eye. executive Peter Robinson took

Moving out VEN if BP has to spend the full \$1 billion it has put aside to cover the

Slate Charles Clore's rich legacy of high street brands is being dismantled by his successors

Saxone and Curtess move on to the scrap heap of his-tory alongside Freeman Hardy Willis and Olympus, which have been sold off. Even Milletts, the camper's friend, is to be sold in favour of developing out-of-town brands Shoe City and Shoe Express. Ironically, Sears is loosening its grip on the high street just as our better retailers, Tesco and Boots, are moving back.

Some economists are look

Factory output stagnates as firms dig into stockpiles

Michaeld Thusan

ing for a cut in the cost of borrowing next week, when ACTORY output stagnated in November as firms met weak home-grown and over-Mr Clarke meets the Governor of the Bank of England to discuss monetary policy. seas demand from stockpiles But the authorities may rather than production lines, leave rates unchanged on the government officials said grounds that the manufactur-A cold snap boosted gas and ing sector will rebound of its

splurge of construction activ-

own accord once companies electricity suppliers but man-ufacturing activity was unhave wound down stocks. Overall industrial producchanged between October and tion was up by 0.5 per cent in November — and only 0.4 per cent up on the same month in November — driven by a 3.5 per cent monthly jump in 1994 — according to the Cen-tral Statistical Office. Analysts said the slowdown fuel supply — after a 0.8 per cent fall the previous month. The CSO's index of total industrial production was 0.2 per cent higher between reinforced the case for action

from the Chancellor, Kenneth September and November Clarke, on interest rates. lan Stewart, UK economist the prices at Little Chef, which charges 75p for a portion of baked beans, 40p for a "mini jar" of marma-lade and 80p for a portion the Chancellor with further

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Granada spices up £3.8bn with some chicken wings

Menu madness breaks out in the battle for Forte. Ian King reports

EVER before can the spicy chicken wing have assumed such menus for Little Chef and paramount importance. this was a sign of how care-Yesterday, it was wheeled fully the company had prepared its bid. out by Granada as the lat-

est weapon in its £3.8 billion assault on Forte, presented as an example of the ers include Potato Long kind of fare Little Chef cus-Boats - a variety of filled tomers can look forward to potato skin — Wings 'n' Things combos, giant blue-berry muffins, hot chicken baguettes and Mississippi if the chain falls under Gra-

nada's ownership. Granada chief executive Gerry Robinson, who has already introduced Burger mud pie. King to the group's motor- But truckers and the last 20 years fail- gins. The trick. Mr Robin- mored. But truckers and other

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offer the product. Other treats Granada is proposing to offer Little the Big Dipper Deal and the Chef's millions of custom-

since 1988. Our new ideas will improve both the standard of service and food of-

However, Forte hit back at once, insisting that many of the "new" products Granada was proposing to offer were already available at certain Little Chef restaurants after 6pm.

te's group director of res-taurants, bridled at the saggestion that Mr Robinson was less than enthused by pany has made a great deal, delights such as Little during this takeover battle, Chef's Mushroom Dippers of its ability to squeeze bigand Rocky Toffee.

torway service areas, so why do they think they can spend more. do it in our roadside restaurants?"

One big question on the Little Chef menu unanswered by both sides last night was what might happen to it in the event of Granada's bid failing and Forte, as promised, selling Little Chef to Whitbread.

Analysts might raise one nagging doubt about Granada's proposals. The com-

ucts that encourage them to

Yet it is hard to see how Granada, in some cases, could seriously contemplate increasing some of

of peas. One thing is certain, however. Granada, when pressed by the Guardian, pledged to preserve the Lit-tie Chef Jubilee Pancake, Belgium 44.00 Greece 380.00 replete with red cherries and vanilla ice cream Some things, after all, are

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famous All Day Breakfast neglected, and have not ing to develop a table ser- son revealed on Wednes-can rest assured that it is been substantially changed vice that works in their mo- day, is to offer people prodnot one of the products

under attack. Granada said it was "in-

Chef menu — which include Linda McCartney's Special Big 7 Burger — may not be quite so lacky. Mr Robin-son hinted that several

ones were on the culinary equivalent of Death Row. He added: "The old Little

conceivable" that Little fered at Little Chef." Chef would not continue to Other items on the Little

items might be discontinued, although he did not specify which particular

and Rocky Toffee. He said: "Granada bas by widening profit mar-

Tony Monnikendam, For-

12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

News in brief High street tills jingle at record Christmas rate but one group says it is hell for leather

CBI confirms retail recovery

Larry Elliott Economics Edito

RITAIN'S high streets enjoyed their best month's trading for two years as consumers locked to the shops during the Christmas period, the

CBI reports today. With the employers' group convinced that retail spending is emerging from the doldrums, the survey provides backing for the Government's belief that consumers will be the driving force behind eco-nomic growth this year.

However, the CBI remains cautious about the strength of the high street recovery, say-ing there is a risk that the increase in activity has been triggered by an early start to the winter sales.

Signs that bargain-hunting may have provided some of the impetus for December's shopping spree comes from the detail of the CBI's distributive trades survey.

This shows that shops sell-ing clothes, footwear and leather goods - where discounting has been widespread - experienced the best year-on-year growth in sales volumes,

The retail group Storehouse reported yesterday that sales in the six weeks before Christmas were 4 per cent higher than the previous year on a comparable basis.

Storehouse said Mothercare suffered from a difficult market for childrenswear and sales were below expectations, while Blazer had a successful Christmas.

Bhs sales of womensweer, homewares and fashion ac-cessories showed encouraging growth, but childrenswear and menswear sales were down on last year. Store-

market chains and chemists also did well, and figures released yesterday by Boots showed total sales rose 5.4 per cent in the 13 weeks to the and of December Same-store sales, or sales at stores open for at least a year,

rose 5.1 per cent at the core Boots the Chemists outlets. Total sales at the pharmacy unit increased 5.9 per cent. By contrast, specialist food

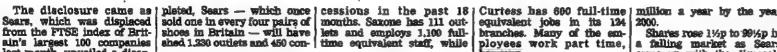
shops such as independent butchers and greengrocers continued to be squeezed by the big supermarket chains and reported that sales were lower than 12 months earlier. Furniture and carpet

retailers were the only other high street sector to report an annual decline in business. Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said the pick-up in sales last month suggested "that consumers were spending more freely than last year in the run-up to Christmas". He added: "Looking ahead

it is encouraging that retailers expect December's growth to be maintained in January. However, we need to be cautious, as last month's strong trading performance may have been partly achieved through an earlier start to sales activity reflecting intense competition among retailers. This may have encouraged consumers

to hunt for bargains a month earlier than usual". Analysts share the CBI's wariness about the chances of consumer spending rising this year by the 3.5 per cent predicted by the Chancellor in last November's Budget, particularly in the absence of further reductions in interest

raies. Yesterday's CBI data found that retailers were meeting demand from stocks rather than through new orders, a The CBI said big super- ing in manufacturing output.





ployees work part time,

Shares rose 1%p to 39%p in a falling market as Sears came up with the disposals the market had wanted Mr Chief executive, Liam Strong, said the group in-Strong to make. But a number of analysts criticised the move saying it had come too late. And they were disap-pointed that the group ap-peared to have taken a "savtended to focus on its other shoe retailing brands which

age hit" on its shoe business margins when these had been expected to improve.

Mr Strong said the group

had "made significant pro-gress in simplifying and fo-

cusing" its business in the

past year. The "key priority" would now be to expand and

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MPs to investigate stock market crisis

THE confidence crisis facing the Stock Exchange is to be investigated by the all-party Commons Treasury Committee. The inquiry comes after the sacking of chief executive. Michael Lawrence, who left following market dissatisfaction about proposed reforms. The market authority is expected to unveil details today of how it plans to transform the City share market by introducing "order-driven" trading. — Patrick Donovan

Row over Ideal Homes sale

A FIERCE row erupted last night between house builder Beazer Homes and conglomerate Trafalgar House over the sale of Trafalgar's housing division, Ideal Homes. Following Trafalgar's an-nouncement that it was in exclusive talks to sell Ideal to housebuilder Persimmmon for around £150 million, Beazer said it was "both surprised and disappointed" because it had offered to buy Ideal itself. Beazer said it had told Trafalgar two years ago that it was keen to buy Ideal and that it had continued to signal its interest ever since. Last week it made a cash offer for Ideal, believed to be in the region of \$160 million - Pouline Springett

No help for Eurotunnel

EUROTUNNEL'S hopes that the British and French governments would help underwrite its £8 billion debt restructuring operation were dashed yesterday as ministers from both countries ruled out any intervention in a private sector financing deal. Shares fell 4p to 80p after officials made it clear that Eurotunnel could expect no superment help in meteroting its anormous herb debts

to apparter onocials made it clear that Eurotumina count expect no government help in restructing its enormous bank debts. On the Paris bourse, Eurotunnel shares were down 30 centimes at Fr6.20. Both governments reacted in response to reports that Eurotunnel chairman, Sir Alastair Morton, was asking for help to back a rescue bond issue. — *Patrick Donoton*

Maxwell jury still out

THE Maxwell trial jury spent its fourth night in a hotel last night having failed, at the end of a total of 27 hours' deliberation, to naving tailed, at the end of a total of 27 hours' deliberation, to reach a verdict. Should they reach no conclusion by tonight, the five men and seven women will be moved to a different hotel, said judge Lord Justice Phillips. Jurors will continue to deliberate between 9.30am and 5pm on Saturday and, if no verdict has been

between 5.52011 and 5111 on Saturday and, it no vertice has been reached, they will be given Sunday off, the judge said. Kevin Maxwell denies one charge of conspiring with his late father Robert to defraud pensioners by misuaing £100 million of pension-fund assets. Kevin, Ian Maxwell and financial adviser Larry Trachtenberg deny a second charge of conspiring together to defraud maximum from \$20 million of framelion fund to defraud pensioners by misusing £22 million of pension-fund

Apple's woes go to core

APPLE Computer's wees yesterday deepened when the computer company announced an expected loss of \$68 million for its first fiscal quarter ended December 29. Apple is set to announce yet another restructuring with the possible loss of 1,000 jobs. The projected loss is double Wall Street estimates and it intensifies pressure on Apple chairman, Michael Spindler, to resign while also casting doubts on the company's ability to survive on its own. - Mark Tran in New York

UB sells Keebler operation

UNITED Biscuits, the snacks manufacturer which dropped out of the FTSE 100 index last year, yesterday said it had completed the sale of its Keebler frozen foods operations in America to Windsor Food Company for £45 million. However, UB — which has sold the business to Windsor Food

Company — admitted that the final sale price was lower than the \$54.8 million it had admitted it expected to raise when the sale was originally announced. It put the Keebler division up for sale in November. — Ian King

Stockbrokers get together

TWO of London's oldest stockbroking firms, Quilter Goodison and Foster & Braithwaite will be merged by March. The new firm, Quilter & Co, will be jointly owned by insurer Commercial Union, parent of Quilter Goodison, and French bank Credit Commercial de France which owns Foster & Braithwaite. CU will have the st shareholdin

On its uppers Saxone's fate will be sealed within the next three months. It may face closure PHOTOGRAPH MARTIN ARGLES Down-at-heel Sears puts shoe shops up for sale

Lisa Buckingham on market pressure ain's largest 100 companies last month, unveiled a disapto shuffle off Curtess

and Saxone chains

SEARS, the problem-rid-den retail group whose businesses include Selfridges, Dolcis and the Freemans catalogue, yesterday said it planned to sell or close

pointing 1.9 per cent fall in the second half to early January, even though its flagship department store, Selfridges, notched up a 125 per cant ad-vance. If the shoe shops were excluded, like-for-like sales rose by 4.9 per cent. Sears recently sold its Olympus sportswear chain

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Rotterdam, in which it holds a 65 per cent stake. Mr Browne said he er-

include Shoe City, Shoe Ex-press and Dolois. The company will make a one-off charge of 265 million

its Saxone and Curtess shoe for about £25 mil summer disposed chains putting thousands of employees' jobs in jeopardy. The group said it has alman Hardy Willis It has also unw

ready received a number of approaches and expects to announce within the next twoto-three months whether the 135 shoe outlets, which pro-duce combined sales of about £140 million a year, will be salvaged.

	Olympus sportswear chain for about \$25 million and last summer disposed of the Free- man Hardy Willis shoe ahops. It has also unwound a joint venture in Germany and said yesterday it would be seeking buyers for its retail arm in Fiolland, as well as for the 170- store Millets chain, both of which are understood to be profitable. If Sears Retain Going conc Going conc Soing conc Tro stiff e Millets Soing conc Which are understood to be profitable. If Millets Soing conc Tro stiff e	com sale ann sale Carn sale Ca
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to cover the cost of the dis-posals, as well as a reorgani-Trade sale or closure 111 outlats sation of its accounting, logistics and information technology operation which 1,110 stall • will be outsourced to Andersen Consulting. It is estimated, however, Curtess (/) Trade sale

that getting rid of Curtess and Saxone will add £8 million a year to profits from the start of next year and the technology reorganisation should

- which includes \$610 mil-

lion for overall losses and clo-

sure costs plus \$464.5 million

environmental provisions -will be included in BP's

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gramme would bring "BP's global refining-to-marketing

key industry players, most of whom refine less than they

The restructuring pro-

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restructure its remaining shoe business. Shoe Express for example, is expected even tually to grow from its pres ent 290 units to between 400

produce savings of £20 to £25 and 500 outlets.

John Vintcent, currently managing director of Fostar & Braithwaite, will become managing director of the new company, with Barrie Catchpole, currently a director of Guilter Goodison, becoming deputy managing director. - Pauline Springett

Pepsi adds more fizz to UK

PEPSI-Cola plans to spend millions of pounds to launch Mountain Dew, a citrue-flavoured fizzy drink, into Britain's 28 billion a year soft drinks market. Mountain Dew — which will be sold through Pepei's UK partner, Britvic — is already estimated to command sales of \$2.7 billion a year in the US. — *Lisa Buckingham*

Ofwat seeks legal curb on cost of connections

Nicholas Bannister Technology Editor

HE water regulator, lan Byatt, is to seek new legislation to prevent water companies from charging exces sive prices for connecting s to the mains.

Mr Byatt, the director gan eral of Ofwat. said yesterday that most companies had standing connection charges which bore little relation to the work involved.

Charges differed widely between companies. The cost of putting in a 5-metre connection pipe linking a customer's domestic water pipe to the main, for example, ranged from £310 to £826.

The regulator wants customers to be able to choose from a list of company ap-proved contractors, to encourage more realistic charges.

He is also concerned that aged in a planned and structured way to ensure customers are unaware that they can appeal to him if they think they are being over-charged. He is proposing that any literature relating to conwe maintain our focus on customer satisfaction. It will involve all parts of the business and all parts of nections must refer to his powers to intervene. He said he had dealt with our territory." The spokesman said th

only 62 connection disputes over the past three years though 51 of them had involved excessive charging. The water companies make anion representatives. He added that redundancy between 100,000 and 120,000 connections a year, mainly to new properties or when customers' old or leaking pipes are replaced.

"Some companies' costs for their own labour compare. well with market rates," he said. "Others do not."

A spokesman for the Water Services Association, representing the 10 privatised water and sewage companies. said that a number of companies already allowed developers and builders to carry out cost savings. connection work.

Sweb cuts 650 BP to write off \$1bn in jobs as fear of refineries shake-up more losses in sector grows

Geother Glibs

quarters.

cutbacks would be achieved

entirely through voluntary means and that discussions

had already begun with

terms would be "very

the axe on jobs.

South Western Electric-bity, the US-controlled power distribution company, is to cut more than 600 jobs following a four-month review of the busi-The Bristol headquar-

in a \$1.075 billion (£712 mil-lion) after-tax write-off. tered company, taken over last year by Southern Electric International, disclosed last night that 650 jobs would go between now and the end of 1997, cutting erations, which had been hit the workforce by about by a global glut of refining

16 per cent. The cuts bring to more than 1,000 the number of Plans involve the sale job losses announced by electricity companies this loss-making refineries in Lima, Ohio and Lavera in the week following news that National Power is cutting people. BP is also looking to pull 400 at its Swindon bead-

the cuts would "be man

south of France, which together employ nearly 1,100

A Sweb spokesman said

Biterday unveiled a shake-up of its worldwould still close if no sales could be agreed. wide oil-refining operations by announcing plans to close The shake-up will reduce BP overall refining capacity from 2 million to 1.4 million up to 30 per cent of its crude processing capacity, resulting barrels a day and could lead to annual savings of \$100 mil-

ion-\$200 million This will leave BP with an overall shortfall because its The surprise move was aimed at boosting the profitcurrent refining needs run at around 1.8 billion barrels a day. Mr Browne insisted that ability of its downstream opcapacity, said BP chief execu-tive John Browns. BP had no option but to slim

down its operations because of increased competition. Refining capacity worldwide was increasing at around 0.07 per cent annually - the equivalent of four new installations being brought on

stream in the US every year. whom refine Shares in BP tumbled by sell", he said. out of the Nerefco refinery.

Lonrho to demerge its mining operations

pected buyers to come for-

ward but warned that plants

Pauline Springett

ONRHO, the mining and trading conglomerate, yesterday put an end to months of City speculation by confirming plans to demerge its mining operation and float it as a separate company in the next three to six months.

generous". Sweb was the first regional electricity com-The move, which must have shareholder approval, is a vital pany to fall under foreign part of the radical shake up of the group masterminded by chief executive Dieter Bock control and its new owners are among the first to wield Mr Bock, who ousted his pre-

With the electricity secdecessor and Lonrho's founder tor still the focus of huge Tiny Rowland last year, is the job reductions, other RECs largest private shareholder in which have been taken which have been taken the company, with an 18.6 per over are also expected to cent stake. Mr Rowland still force through redundancy owns 6.3 per cent. Mr Bock dismissed sugges schemes in a bid to achieve

frustrate the demerger, and said he had taken the decision because he wanted to ensure that the value of the group's assets was properly reflected The new mining company

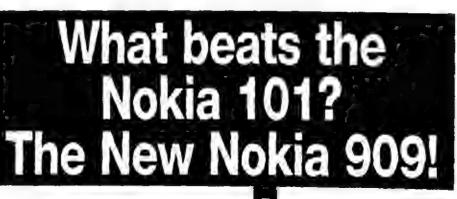
about \$1.4 billion and would include 41 per cent of gold producer Ashanti Goldfields of Ghana, as well as Lonrho's platinum interests. The demerger plan over-shadowed Lonrho's 40 per

cent rise in pre-tax profits for 1995. which at £161 million were at the top end of most analysts' expectations. In-stead, attention was focused on Mr Bock's plans for the rest of the group, particularly its hotels and motor equip-

tions that Mr Rowland could | ment divisions.

Mr Bock said there were no immediate plans to sell the hotels, although an attractive offer would be considered. He said hotels were now performing well with profits up 57 per

cent to £44 million. However, Mr Bock ruled out any immediate sale of Lourbo's Dutton Forshaw car dealership. He said offers had been received "but they did not live up to our expectations". Motor division profits rose 22 per cent to £28 million The blot in the figures was once again the manufacturing division, which produced a £16 million loss, double that of 1994. Mr Bock said the group was taking "all necessary action" to turn the business around and he expected it would return to profit in this financial year.



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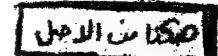




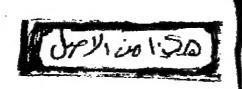
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Dublin bulldozes way to Gold Cup

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Racing

UBLIN FLYER galloped his way towards the Chelten-ham Gold Cup with an emphatic victory in the John Bull Chase at Wincanton, but jockeys as much as horses made the headlines "I was trembling so much 1 didn't really see what hap-pened," said Forster. He need

horses made the headlines yesterday. The championship leader. Tony McCoy, hadly damaged his right wrist, while Adrian Maguire sprained a wrist when falling on New Inn at Wetherby. Both went to hos-pital for precautionary X-rays, but both are expected to ride at Ascot today if they pass the racecourse doctor. On the same happy note, On the same happy note, Norman Williamson's broken right leg is healing well and is hoping to return in the middle of next month. McCoy, leading David Bridgwater by 15 winners in the race for the jockeys' title, fell on Eastern River at the third flight in the Corscombe

Handicap Hurdle, bringing down An Buchaill Liath. cesses in top-class company have been gained at distances On his return to the weighshort of three miles, the Foring room, McCoy's wrist was so swollen that he was unable to remove his silks. "It's very sore." he said before being miles on heavy ground. "When he was a young driven to hospital. "When he was a young Williamson reported that horse I thought he'd stay for-

his surgeon was pleased with ever, but Graham McCourt the progress of his fractured rode him at Kempton one day the progress of his fractured leg, saying: "I have to go back for a final X-ray on February when he was beaten by a horse of Josh Gifford's and for a timal x-ray on reprinting horse of Josh Gillowing stream of the would not be relin-teturn at Newbury the following weekend." Even a trainer as experi-enced as Tim Forster can and threequarter miles.

sometimes be caught up in events and after Dublin Flyer bad won the John Bull Chase comfortably from Travado and United 14-1 for the Gold Cup priced 14-1 for the Gold Cup with Coral's, 12-1 with Lad-brokes and Hill's, and heads the market for the Martell Grand National at 16-1. Forster said he would enter Dublic Forster said he would enter and Viking Flagship, he ad-mitted that he had not fully realised that the even money favourite had almost blundered away his chance five fences from home.

Dublin Flyer for Aintree, but his participation would de-pend on events at Cheltenham. on events at Nicky Henderson was

Dublin Flyer's only mistake, and he surged clear of his rivals in the straight to win pleased with Travado and said that his choser would comfortably. "Brendan (Powell) said he

said that his choser would probably now wait for Chel-tenham and Liverpool, while Richard Dunwoody was ada-mant that it was too early to write off Viking Flagship, who still needed the race. "Obviously, the Christmas break didn't help him — he takes a lot of getting fit — and we'll know more next time," said Dunwoody. Viking Flag-ship is out to 8-1 to win the Queen Mother Champion Chase for the third year running. couldn't give the horse a proper ride because he was hanging so badly. He's better going left-handed. I'm not sure where his next race will be, but I think the owner will be pretty keen to go for the Gold Cup." added Forster. "This horse runs well when fresh, but I think he would need one race before Cheltenham." Another impressive winner While Dublin Flyer's suc-

vesterday was Scotton Banks in the Monkton Handicap Chase at Wetherby, He comster chaser showed consider-able stamina as a novice, win-ning over three and a quarter his son, Tim, will be taking over the reins on February 1. Easterby, who has won Cheltenham Gold Cups with Alverton and Little Owl and five Champion Hurdles with Saucy Kit, Night Nurse (two) and Sea Pigeon (two), stressed that he would not be relin-



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Sitting pretty ... Lorcan Wyer and Scotton Banks track Cogent on the first circuit on the way to winning yesterday's Monkton Chase at Wetherby PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEELE

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Sport in brief

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Blundell misses out on place with Tyrrell

TYRRELL-YAMAHA yesterday confirmed Ukyo Katayama as one of their drivers for the coming season, virtually ending Mark Blundell's hopes of continuing his Formula One career. The Woking-based outfit, who lost the backing of one of their major sponsors, Nokia, last month, have again opted for Ka-tayama to partner Finland's Mika Salo. The decision means that Blundell is unlikely to compete in

the 1996 season, having already lost out to his fellow Briton Johnny Herbert for the vacant seat alongside Heinz-Harald Frentzen at Sauber-Ford.

Syed's winning comeback

MATTHEW SYED, a game down and 16-all in the second, recovered to beat the Swiss champion Thierry Miller for his third win in the Olympic table tennis gualifying competition at Manchester yesterday and ensure a place in the second stage, writes Richard Jago. England's other No. I. Andrea Holt, also qualified for the second stage, beating Eldijana Ajanovic of Croatia 21–17, 21–19, 18–21, 27–25 after saving three game points to avoid being taken to a fifth game. Later, wins for Alison Broe and Lisa Lomas ensured that all four British players qualified.

Electric tests for bowler

SRI LANKA have called on a Hong Kong-based professor and his electrical wizardry to decide once and for all whether the off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan throws or bowls. The former Sri Lankan umpire Ajith Perera said that electrodes would be attached to the bowler's elbow to transmit three-dimensional pic-

India beat Pakistan by three wickets with five balls to spare in a rain-affected play-off to take third place in the World Masters Series in Sharjah. Pakistan scored 161 for five in their allotted 28 overs and India replied with 162 for seven in 27.1.

King second to 'queen'

BRITAIN's Jaime King finished second as China's Han Xue broke her own world record in the women's 50 metres breaststroke in a World Cup series event in Beljing yesterday. Han Xue clocked 30.98sec with King touching home in 32.06 and Larisa Lacusta of Romania finishing third in 32.48.

Cash 'paid to Graf's father'

Southwell (AW Flat)

Steffi Graf's father Peter demanded and received large sums of money as payment for her tournament victories, a German Tennis Association official, Günter Sanders, told a panel in Stutigart which is investigating the player's tax affairs. He said payments to players in cash or by cheque were not unusual but the large cash payments the Grafs collected were rare.

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Soccer

David Lacey says the sub-committee set up to advise the international committee should commit itself to recommending little change

Venables' line of succession

HE appointment of a since 1966, he will also pro-new man to run the vide Lancaster Gate with an England team should opportunity it would be un-be a seamless process wise to ignore. He can still work with Howe ment structure similar to that which is available to the FA now. Bobby Robson was next man, Noel White, the chair-man of the international com-A similar sub-committee

but rarely is. England managers and coaches anything radical Venables may not be taking England into the next World Cup but are judged by results, and when the results are unsatisthis is surely no reason to disfactory there is a desire for a

clean break with what has gone before.

No amount of invisible achievement so far. mending will hide the disruption to the evolutionary process of the present England team that is bound to follow tablished as Venables's No.2 and would not be there if the the decision of Terry Vena-bles to stand down after the PA did not believe that eventually he would be a leading contender for the England job. Don Howe, England's European Championship in June. His successor will be thrust straight into the 1998 World Cup qualifiers, halving most experienced coach, served under Ron Greenwood and Bobby Robson and is quasi-technical director until the usual four-year cycle of England management. Time

is on nobody's side. the FA gets around to making Yet in one respect the Foota proper appointment. hall Association is in a stron-Bryan Robson said last ger position than usual. For while Venables night that he intended com-pleting his contract with Midlead England to their first dlesbrough, but this hardly

major international honour

The FA does not have to do

rules him out for the future

land begin their World Cup programme. Kevin Keegan, another refusenik as Venables's succassor, should also stay on mantle a coaching structure board in charge of the Under the creation of which has 21 squad. Whoever the next been his most valuable coach turns out to be, abolishing the present set-up would

be a backward step. Bryan Robson is already es-The importance of maintaining a strong thread was emphasised by Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, when Venables's impending departure was announced on Wednesday. "Continuity is a major factor in international success," he said, "and one doesn't want to be chopping and changing philosophies, styles, systems and ap-

proaches on a regular basis." The same was true when Ron Greenwood, who managed England from 1977 to

down, so deeply are they em-bedded in the brickwork The sub-committee that Kelly ... through it again

man of the international com Venables mittee, and Ian Stott, a

Robson's appointment, member of the same commitfollowing Greenwood's retire-ment after the 1982 World Cup, remains the smoothest tee. Advising them were Kel-ly, Jimmy Armfield - who had recommended Venables ransfer of power so far, yet after sounding out managers the FA missed an opportunity

fully to exploit the system that had been created. Now it has a second chance, provided the cobwebs of committeedom do not obscure the issue. The most depressing words to fall from Kelly's lips on

Wednesday concerned the time-scale of appointing the next England coach. "It will begin fairly soon," said Kelly. carefully, "it will go through the normal method of a sub-committee handling the situation." If ever the FA abolishes sub-committees, No. 16 Lancaster Gate will probably fall

Ian Ross

A similar sub-committee will similarly have to make recommendations to be apthey want to sign Jean-Pierre proved by the international Papin, the 1991 European committee this time. The FA's Player of the Year. decision-making process remains cumberson

Papin had hoped to escape Unwisely, Kelly responded to play a part in United's title to doubts about England's challenge convincing enough chances this summer, in the to earn him a place in the France team to appear in the light of Venables's decision, by quoting the example of European Championship this Denmark, the present Euro-pean champions, whose coach Richard Moller Nielsen will summer. Kevin Keegan had offered to take the 32-year-old international striker on loan. also be going once the tourna-ment is over. "Nobody sug-But Bayern yesterday quashed gests that their chances are diminished or harmed in any both parties hopes. A spokesman for the Bavarian club said: "Newcastle ap-proached us indicating they

way," he argued. A principal reason for this. would like to take Papin on loan until the end of the seahowever, is that once Nislsen, who is taking over Finland, had announced his intentions son. We have said no as we nay need him as cover." the Danes appointed Bo Jo-The French daily L'Equipe hansson to succeed him in roughly the time it takes the reported yesterday that Kee-gan had inquired about Papin "He is an interna-FA to set up a sub-committee.

Paul Weaver on an unusual press conference for a couple of unlikely recruits to the Mick McCarthy cause

Russian Tank rolls up for a Millwall welcome

ILLWALL provided full instructions and a detailed map of their training ground on Bromley Hill - and that was for the enefit of London-based football writers. Heaven knows how Sergel Yuran and Vasili Kulkov found the place.

But there they were, sitting with expressions of patient be-wilderment either side of their serene-looking manager Mick McCarthy and their interpreter behind a dining table in south-east London: two of Spartak Moscow's finest, genu-ine international-class footballers with 74 appearances be-tween them for the Soviet

Union, the CIS and Russia. With Millwall in their posh new stadium in Bermondsey. the good old bad old days of Cold Blow Lane recede apace. What would Harry Cripps have made of it? "Cripes, Russkis" perhaps — and then he would have given them a beaming smile and invited

them home for a cup of tea. They looked as though they needed one. "To be fair," ex-plained McCarthy, "the two lads weren't too keen on ton declared an interest. Jess finals, and the London side, was not at his best then but has since recovered the form winners in 1987 and 1998, are through to this stage for the that brought him eight caps. doing a press conference. eighth time. Norwich were They feel a bit embarrassed. "At 25, I feel if I sign another winners 11 years ago. But Birmingham confident of beating the Norit after the Port Vale game on too old to go," said Jess, whose current deal expires at the end of June. "Id like to go to Engfolk side in their replay and Saturday.' A few football writers were not keen either. Interpreters their colourful owner David land sooner rather than later Sullivan is savouring the posbecause it would be better to be settled before the European have an analgesic influence sibility of a "second city on the spoken word. For all final against Villa, albeit at hampionship finals, Wembley. we knew they might have The Glums . . . Yuran (left) and Kulkov are glad to be here and McCarthy is pleased to have them, despite the expressions Peter van Vossen, the for-mer Ajaz, Anderlecht and PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKIN! Sullivan believes City's said. "Actually, we are of the opinion that Millwall is a chances of beating Howard scored 59 goals from 154 club | is renowned for the skill of | other side of the road. | Holland striker, arrived at Wilkinson's side over two legs are greater than if they had been paired with Villa or Arsenal. "It's great from our complete dump and you Brit-ish cannot play football," but we have in dressing rooms It certainly represents a Ibrox last night for talks which seem likely to end with peak for McCarthy, unless he appearances and eight from his passing. Between them 29 internationals. He helped they should revive Millwall's Great mates, these. They were together at Benfica and are handy but I'm not sure how to get over the 'F' word." told them he was manager of we didn't get any of it. his signing for Rangers today. The 27-year-old Dutchman, Oh yes, they were settling down very nicely thank you There could be more serious Porto before joining Spartak Manchester United. Yuran, a forward, and the defender-Benfica destroy Arsenal in faitering promotion drive. the 1991-92 European Cup and last season, for Spartak, man-aged three, including the winlast year. "My only problem was keeping the whole deal But why Millwall? "There problems ahead. Football point of view and the chance stands are full of raging xeno-phobes of the Portillo Persuaof playing Villa in the final is unbellevable," he said. "But we still have to overcome and really looking forward to cum-midfielder Kulkov have were other clubs but Millwall who joined Istanbulspor last summer, is likely to join the playing and Millwall was a wonderful club. When they made a specific offer and it is quiet," said McCarthy. passed up the chance to play Glasgow club in a swap inin the European Cup by signner at Blackburn, as his club a promising club with a There were other clubs com sion, as David Ginola discov volving Oleg Salenko, the topped the Champions' League Group B. "My nickname is The Tank," he grinned. future. Yes, we had heard of Millwall We knew they had ing in at the end." Language? "Put it this ered at Arsenal on Wednesday signed last week, did Yuran ing for Millwall on loan until Norwich and that will not be night. "I hope there will be no Russian striker who has really mean to say, "We have played for some great clubs in the end of the season. Premiership clubs would easy. The Tank," he grinned. Kulkov, 29, has made 45 in-ternational appearances and so far had been driving on the cussions yet. The big boards problems but a lot depends on your personality," said Yuran, Vila; Norwich or Birmingham First logs February 11 and 14, as February 21 and 25. disappointed since leaving Valencia for Rangers for Europe but this is the pinnahave killed to get their hands sounding very wise for a tank. £2.3 million this season. on this pair. Yuran, 26, has cle of our careers."? Boxing Tennis World-title fight is off again as Hamed undergoes hand surgery



Newcastle fail to make Papin talk of the Toon

ton manager Joe Royle yeste day afternoon they were unable to agree on personal

terms. 'Marc has gone back WILL have to come up will have to come up with a better offer if to Newcastle because the deal is deadlocked at the moment," said Royle.

The Dynamo Moscow mid-fielder Igor Dobrovolski, a Russian international valued the bench at Bayern Munich at around £500,000, is likely to join Everton on trial for two weeks.

Internationale's search for a foreign striker may begin with Alan Shearer, the Premiership's top scorer. "We are closely pursuing top at-tackers," the Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti told Gazzetta dello Sport. "There are many alternatives. One of the most interesting, for ex-

ample, is Shearer." • Dunfermline players have decided to play tomorrow's game against Clydebank at East End Park even though the funeral of their captain Norrie McCathle will not take place until Tuesday. As a mark of respect McCathie's No.4 shirt will not be used. The bodies of McCathie, 34, and Amanda Burns, 28, were found at his cottage on Monday.

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Papin said: "I am crossing the fingers of both hands. It would be great to sign for Premier League officials met representatives of the European Commission yes-Marc Hottiger's proposed transfer was also on the verge of collapse last night. Al-though the Swiss internaof collapse last night. Al-though the Swiss interna-tional defender met the Ever-

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Jess looks for quick move south

tional-class footballer and I like him," the manager said.

Patrick Glenn

Newcastle

EOIN JESS made himself available to prospective buyers in England yesterday when he turned down a new contract which was the best ever offered to an Aberdeen

The international striker or midfielder was assessed by Kenny Dalglish, Blackburn's director of football, in Aberdeen's 2-1 win over Hibs last Monday and has been watched seven times this season by Liverpool's Ron Yeats. Aberdeen have also had an

inguiry from Chelsea, and last season Joe Royle of Ever-

ARSENAL and Aston Villa, both of whom have impressive records in the Coca-Cola Cup, were paired together in the semi-finals of the competition when the draw was made at Wembley Stadium yesterday. Leeds United, the other Pre miership side through to the

semi-finals, will face a First Division side in Norwich or Birmingham, who must replay their quarter-final after a 1-1 draw at Carrow Road on Wednesday night.

Villa, who beat Manchester United in the 1994 final and accounted for Arsenal on the way, will be making their 10th appearance in the semi-

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Rusedski marches on but other Britons fail to qualify

GREG RUSEDSKI, Britain's the top seed Goran Ivanisevic. | 6-2 to the American Steve | match against Paul Haarhuis GNo. 1, maintained his fine | who overcame Mark Wood | Campbell, Danny Sapsford | with dehydration. The Dutchwas beaten 6-4, 6-3 by the Ital-ian Diego Nargiso, and Nick Baglin went down 7-6, 6-3 to Takao Suzuki of Japan. man was 3-0 up in the second form in the run-up to next forde, 6-4, 7-5, will play Woodweek's Australian Open with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 victory over Scott forde's long-time doubles partner Todd Woodbridge. set, having won the first 6-1. • Monica Seles survived a barrage from the hard-hitting Draper of Australia in the There was a more familiar Another Briton, Chris Wil-South African Mariaan de sorry story in Melbourne, where all three British men quarter-finals of the Peters Inkinson, missed a chance of a quarter-final place at the in-donesian Open in Jakarta Swardt, ranked 37 in the ternational in Sydney. attempting to qualify for the Open fell at the first hurdle. Andrew Richardson lost 5-3, world, to advance to the semi-The unseeded Rusedski will finals of the now face the fifth-seeded Peters Interna American Todd Martin, and when he retired from his tional 6-3, 6-2.

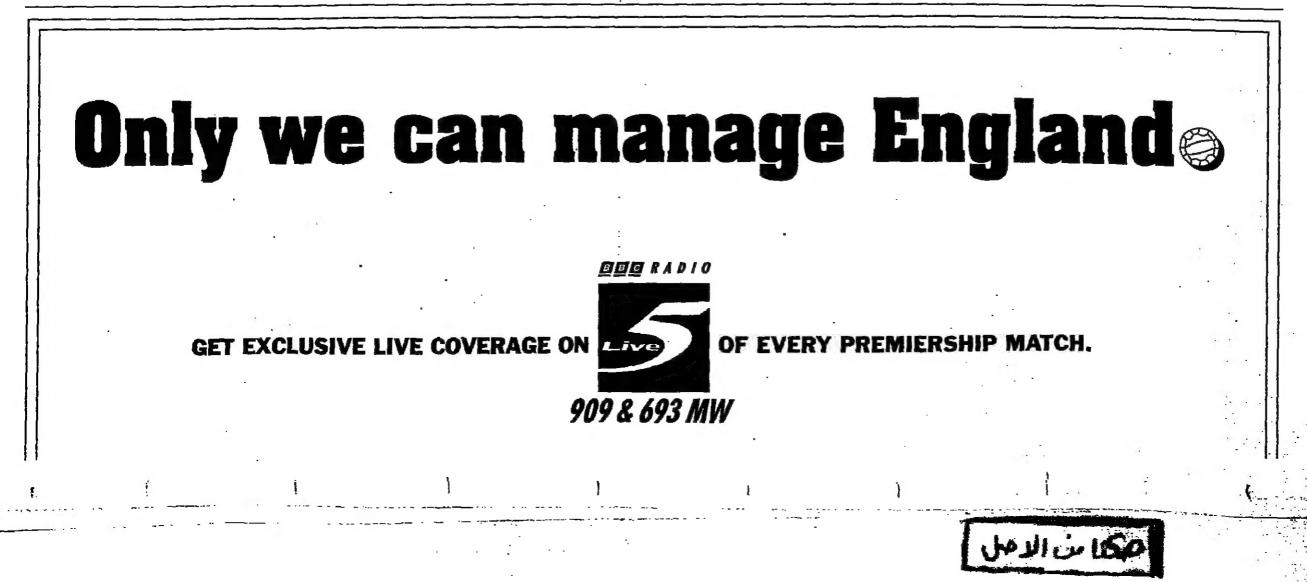
NASEEM HAMED has First scheduled for last from the Welshman Steve of any big puncher who has not had problems with his gery after twice having to postpone his first World Boxing Organisation feath-erweight title defence. "He is very upset," said his trainer Brendan Ingle, "but it is just one of those things. There is too much at things. There is too much at stake to risk it."

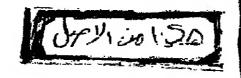
Arena contest against the Mexican Arnulfo Castillo was postponed to February 10 but yesterday the 21-year-old Sheffleld fighter underwent keyhole surgery

"It is a worry," his prohands." moter Frank Warren ad-mitted. "Three bones are fused together and need to be separated, but the doctor says it is not career-threatto his right band in a Lon-don clinic to repair damage sustained in taking the title a month or so. I can't think

not had problems with his

Warren is now trying to arrange a new top-of-the-bill fight for his show, which includes the British cruiserweight title rematch between Dennis Andries and the holder Terry Dunstan.





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..... South Africa v England: second one-day international

Resolute Atherton lifts the gloom

Mike Selvey sees England win an

interrupted run-chase in Bloemfontein

disruption of a floodlight failure midway through their innings to win the moday international innings of different charac-

yesterday evening. Set to make 263 to win, they achieved the target for the loss of five wickets with 10 balls to spare, so squaring the seven-match series at one match series at one seven the next two games

Both teams, in the interests of experiment and improvement, had made changes from | Hick, whose 55 from 42 balls Tuesday's match — England bringing in Mark Rampra-kash and Phil DeFreitas for Dermot Reeve and Darren Gough, while Richard Snell, within the ground or from his

Scoreboard

SOUTH AFRICA

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Rugby Union

NGLAND survived Andrew Hudson and Nicky an ordeal by heat and temperament and the dimension of a flood had a slight injury and Baul had a slight injury, and Paul Adams. England's changes

ever. came from Graeme was an innings of such thunderous power that it was unclear whether the smoke that hung over Springbok Park came from barbecues

> bat. Before he was leg-before - for the fourth doubtful time in his last five innings - he had hit nine fours, including successive ones from Allan Donald's first three balls, and a six flicked disdainfully over square leg. Then, after the second-wicket partnership of 71, came another of 90 for the third between Atherton and

Graham Thorpe. But Ramprakash's night-mare continued when he was run out by Jonty Rhodes for one and then Neil Fairbrother in a the last 11 overs yielded only 65 for the loss of six wickets — three of them to Cork — mostly to strokes un-likely to win a beauty contest, was caught for 12 with 40 still required. It proved to be a hic-cup. With Donald bowled out,

Thorpe's crafted 72, his second half-century of the series and an innings full of grit and running, together with 13 from Alec Stewart saw England home. The unscheduled interrup-

seen insufficient overs — by eight deliveries — for a result to be declared under rain brother, Ramprakash and Smith, P J Marlin, Bowling: Pollock 9 2-0-48-2: Snell 6-0-39-0; McMillan 7-0-48-2: Snell 10-1-44-0; Cronje 7-0-32-1; Kalite 5-0-37-0; Bote 4-0-25-0 Umplices R Koerton and W Deoricka. England wan by five wickets. Snell to be declared under rain rules that would stump Ein-Stein. The failure was caused by a nearby sub-station blow-only by plunging forward. stein. The failure was caused tially and taken low down by a nearby sub-station blow- only by plunging forward.

ing and an electrician fixed it | inside 40 minutes.

South Africa, with a revamped batting order that, for example, saw Dave Rich-ardson move from opener to No. 9 and his erstwhile part-ner Gary Kirsten to No. 7, ought to have constructed a better edifice, given the qual-ity of the foundations laid by the new openers Hudson and Snell. The latter was a batting free spirit brought in, like De-Freitas for England, to take advantage of the relatively undefended first 15 overs. Eight-two came from those apiece. The next two games halls before be was athleti-are in Johannesburg and Cen-turion over the weekend. Both teams, in the interests of erroriment and improve for the interests in the interest of the initial impetus, how-of erroriment and improve had occupied just eight overs more. England appeared to be facing a hiding. That the bowlers fought back so well on a hot afternoon

reflected credit on them, with in particular the spinners Hick and Smith applying the sort of brake that probably would have eluded the seamers. So although the scoring rate was maintained consistently at around five an over for the first 39, by which time South Africa had reached 197 for two, they were unable to increase that significantly when the push came, losing wickets and momentum as a result.

and the result was at least 30 short of expectations. The only blot on the Eng-

land landscape was the ground fielding — so fum-bling that the ball must have had the electrical properties of a cattle prod. Against that the catching was, with the ex-The unscheduled interrup-tion came when the game had Atherton, first-class, although



Not so jaunty Jonty ... Rhodes is bowled by Dominic Cork for four PHOTOGRAPH: MKE HEWIT





Extra time Edited by Jeremy Alexander. Top US skater spins out of focus

Subject to an out-break of Harding Bar Knee Syndrome, a male skater will be the focus of attention at the out, slows me down and makes me sluggish. The Royal Ballet School says dancers employ a spot-

ting technique. focusing on a particular spot as they spin. This is why flash pho-

tography confuses them. The head is last to go and

Crafty dancers get the con-

ductor to slow down. The RBS has no figure for

a dancer's revs per min but skaters go faster. The Inter-national Skating Union

reckons no one has gone

United States national championships next week. Scott Davis, champion in 1993 and 1994, has been suf-fering attacks of benign po-sitional vertigo — an abnor-mal sense of motion that The head is last to go and first to stop, flicking round after the body in each turn. The toughest challenge is the black swan's pas de deux in Act III of Swan Lake, involving 32 fouettes. often results in dizziness. Davis first noticed it in practice last summer. Coming out of a fast, tight spin, he could not get his bearings for 10 seconds, Normally it takes two or three, which skaters spend in simple steps before launching into their next jump. He just carried on wobbling. He has suffered further bouts. This month he fell going into a jump. "It's a little scary," he said. His choreographer Brian Wright said: "He's not exactly sure where he is when

faster or longer — and come out of it knowing where he is — than Ronnie Roberts, the US world sil-ver medallist in the mid-Fifties. He did 100 rpm and, separately, 1% minutes in a sit-spin. Next month Brit-ain's No. 2, the young Neil Wilcom from Dundwald he's in the air." The vertigo occurs when calcium crystals in the inner ear get dislodged and float into one of the three Wilson from Dundonald, balance canals, which pro-vide the body's sense of mo-Belfast, is challenging it. He has recorded 45 revs in 15 seconds. He has no tips tion and keep a person steady. Doctors have put Davis through balance tests, tested his eye move-Meanwhile Davis takes

ment with electrodes, done his problem to San Jose. magnetic resonance imag. "I'm trying not to focus on magnetic resonance imag-ing on his head, found noth-it too much." he said.



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lieve a special bra reduces breast motion and the stress on Cooper's suspensory ligaments, delaying long-term sag. Berlei enlisted Heriot Watt University for an in-depth study of breast movement in

HE Florida High School Activities Association will no bra, an ordinary one and a decide tomorrow whether to sports one. Twenty women reinstate the Gulliver Prepara- with different bust and cup tory School girls to third place sizes were videotaped running in the 4A division of the state on a treadmill at speeds up to cross-country championships 12kph. At top speed breast movement in no bra was up to 8% cm from the control point in Jacksonville in November. The team were disqualified for SUSPENDED IIIO wearing skin-tight shorts, the on the body. This was reduced "bun-hugger" described by by 32 per cent in a normal bra "bun-hugger" described by a further 21 per cent in

Twickenham faces ire from the shires

lows, who is a shrewd propa-

gandist for open rugby. As Brittle said: "Just because

more money is coming into

the game, you cannot sweep

away everything that has at-

Robert Armstrong on the backlash to

position situated halfway be- as a member of the "old they also provide the opportu-tween Lord and Jeavons Fel- guard" but Brittle cartainly nity for anyone, whatever

does not belong to that cate-

gory. "Professional rugby is

here to stay, and there is no

intention or wish on my part to turn back the clock," he

said. "This is widely accepted

suspended trio tor of the Wil

France recall

the RFU's plans for a professional game

WICKENHAM's head- | to negotiate a lucrative televilong rush towards pro- sion contract next year.

fessionalism has pro-In any other sporting body voked a backlash up and such an election would attract down the country which only passing interest. But this could result in administrative pair of successful former chaos at Sunday's special businessmen who now devote general meeting of the their time wholly to rugby Rugby Football Union in matters are locked together in a battle for the heart and soul Birmingham.

Whereas the RFU executive i of the game. The man who remains solidly in favour of a wins will to a large extent so-called "seamless" open mould the character of game, a massive body of English rugby for years to grassroots opinion has come.

compel cash-strapped amateur clubs to place their players under contract. The acid test of opinion on whether amateurism should

Fellows, the official nominee

of the executive. Brittle, 54, believes Twick-enham should be held to ac-

count for its bland indiffer-

ence towards the great

majority of genuinely ama-teur clubs: Jeavons-Fellows, 56, is a skilled RFU wheeler-

over two years Securicor has

taken over from KP as the

backer of the AAA Champion-

ships, incorporating the

Olympic trials, and of the

IAAF Grand Prix meeting at

Crystal Palace, this year the

last major international meet-

ing prior to the Games in

KP, after two years of

sponsorship, turned its back

on athletics after the 1995 sea-

son which saw many of Brit-ain's leading athletes fail to

run in domestic competition. However, the company.

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reacted with anger and dis-may to proposals which could mingham another energetic be quietly buried will be the election for the key post of executive committee chairman

On the sidelines at Bircampaigner, Michael Lord, MP for Suffolk Central, will await the outcome of the debate on professionalism with trepidation. A passionate advocate of amateur principles, Lord has received letters from more than 600 clubs (he between Cliff Brittle, who en-joys the support of three past presidents, and John Jeavonswrote to 1,700) who over-whehmingly want to see an

amateur structure preserved. and feel sadness and regret at the nature of the money revo-lution. He hopes the SGM will reject pay for play which, he argues, will destroy the social ethos of most junior clubs. Brittle, who has the backing of major counties such as Lancashire, Yorkshire and dealer who can be relied upon | Middlesex, occupies a policy | Lord may well be regarded | Club man ... Cliff Brittle has some influential supporters

tracted the money in the first by the vast majority in the place. The change must be properly managed, preservgame at all levels. "Therefore, professional and amateur administrators ing the good and introducing the new, whilst keeping our game united." and players must be allowed to play a full part in the future structure and develop-Ironically the former RFU secretary Dudley Wood, a high-profile defender of amament of the game. While the national clubs may hold the teurism, has emphasised the attraction for new money, the wider base of the pyramid holds the wealth of rugby de-velopment that is needed to commercial negotiating skills of Jeavons-Fellows and velopment that is needed to port for the team and manage feed the top clubs. Of course ment," Davies said. blithely ignored the issue of professionalism. Wood said:

"John has worked tirelessly to promote and protect Eng-land's interests in such matters as the World Cup, international tour programmes and television contracts. He played a major role in securing for the RFU highly benefi-cial TV deals with the BBC and BSkyB."

Lord, a Cambridge blue, said: 'The vast majority of clubs who responded to my letter believe they ought to have been consulted before the decision to go professional was taken. The good news is that there is a growing determination to keep the amateur game intact."

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size or shape, to play and ensuspended for last Novemjoy the game." Indeed, one of the most proagainst the All Blacks, for fessional-minded coaches in

ween the first-class represen-

cess on the field of play

the Five Nations opener the game, Alan Davies, who used to be in charge of the against England at the Parc des Princes tomorrow Midlands, is a fervent Brittle supporter. "He particularly recognises the difference beweek

The fly-half Thierry La-croix, the lock Olivier Rounat and the flanker Laurent Cabannes were disciplined for staying in South Africa tative game and other levels. In my experience he typifies the ideal rugby administraafter the World Cup to play in the Currie Cup. France have made six tor, one who understands that the performance indicator for

ulated more than expected. The ruling, including "up over the hip", is unclear. changes from the side that lost 37-12 against New Zeagood administration is sucland in Paris. Michel Périé wins his first cap at loose-"There's no one hip-bone," said Dr Brian Halpern, of the brought about by total suphead prop in place of Lau-rent Bénézech, and Jean-Michel Gonzales returns Rospital for Special Surgery in New York City. 'It is com-posed of the pelvis [three after injury to regain the hooker's place from Marc bones] and femur [one]. If the buttocks are not exposed. de Rougemont. then consider the brief to be

covering the area below the hip joint." The fate of the Lil-France have not beaten **England in the Five Nations** for eight years but defeated them in last summer's liputian shorts is attended. World Cup third-place play-

OFL FRANCE: J L Sedeuray (Colomiers); Marsack (Toulouse), R Dourthe (Dax), Castalgedde (Toulouse) P Saint-Andr (Monterand, Capit T Lacroix (Dax), Carbonneau (Toulouse); M Péri (Toulon), J M Gonzales (Bayonno), Califano (Toulouse), O Roumart (Dax), Marie (Montiertand), A Benszzi (Agen), Cohannea (Becno), E Shiawa (Dax) off round victim, the second seed Richard Krajicek, made the best of his defeat. The Colo-nial Classic started in Melbourne a day later; Samoras suffering from flu, predict-Cabanes (Racing), F Pelous (Day) Replacements P Series Sales (Beglis Boroscuts), A Peanet (Brive), G Asceceberry (Beglis-Bordeux), P Castal (Toulouse): M de Rougescon (Toulon), L Bénézech (Racing). ably withdrew; the Dutch-man, having missed out on £25,000 in Sydney (the differ-ence between title and firstround defeat), gallantly and

conveniently replaced him. The Classic is anything but. It is an IMG exhibition, whose 9-5. J Dawis (Herbi bt T Garner (Sussar) 9-5. 9-3. 9-3: D Harris (Esser) bl P Blanistry (Nots) 9-0. 9-1, 9-0. Wooseat C Jackergen (Norfolk) bt G Kert-son (Susset) 9-2. 9-1. 9-0: S Falton (Northanta) bt L Parker (Wors) 9-2, 9-1. 9-0: L Charmann (Susset) bl L Brown (Statis) 9-1 9-2. 9-3: K Bueddey (Esser) bt K Martin (Norhans) 9-3, 9-5; F Genves (Glos) bt S Litter (Nerts) 9-1, 9-1. 9-1; D Lewns (Susset) bt K Hargreaves (Merseyside) 9-2. 9-6, 9-2; J Martin (Northumbria) bt M Goothaad (Wors) 9-0. 9-0, 9-1; D Vardy (Nots) bt N Clark (Bustery 9-3, 9-0, 9-1; eight players, according to the promoter Colin Stubs, receive appearance money only. The size of it is confidential Kraji-cek, having lost his first match, pulled out half-way through his second with an arm injury, "poor" chap.

Swimming

WORLD CUP SHORT-COURSE MEET (Beiling). Selected: Women: 50m breaslatroke: 1. Han Xue (China) 30.96sc (world record): 2. J King (GB) 22.06; 3. L Lacusta (Rom) 22.48, 200m bruastatroke: 1 L Lacusta (Rom) 22.65; 2. J King (GB) 2.29.43, 3. Li Wei (China) 2.30.40

EUROPEAN OLVMPAC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT (Manchester): Stage and Group & Mana M Syod (GB) bt T kilker (Switz) 19-21, 21-16, 21-13, 21-14, Wacness: Group & A Bros (GB) bt E Hon-riques (Por) 21-16, 21-0, 21-8, Bros bi A Maknian (Armena) 19-21, 21-13, 21-13, 21-16, Group 10: L Lonnas (GB) bt R Garkauhaie (Lith) 21-19, 21-12, 21-0, Group 12: A Holt (GB) bt E Aganovic (Groata) 21-17, 21-19, 19-21, 27-25.

Fixtures

(7.30 unless slated)

FAI CUP: First round: Athlene Tri v Mon-aghan Utd (8.0); Bohemians v Moyle Pk College (7.45), St Patricks Ath v Work-mans/Dunieary (7.45), Waterlord v Galway Utd (7.45) Utd (7.45).

STONES CENTENARY CHAMPION-SNIP: Castisterd v Bradierd NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier: Wgan SI Patricks v Leigh Min-ers Welfare (7.20)

Rerl lastic Athletic Association, as launched last month in a range ber's two-match series "belonging in the lingerie to cover every strenuosity of section of a Victoria's Secret female exercise. Apart from practicalities ---

The Gulliver girls burst into tears. "We felt violated," access, rigidity to reduce bounce and a gully running along the new fibre that draws said Jessica Atrio, team captain. "Cross-country is about your time and place, not what perspiration away from the skin - Gunnell felt strongly about style: "We don't want them looking like army bras." And after the final of the 400 you wear." Their coach Karen Callaway said: 'It's like putting on your racing spikes. They make you feel special and psych you up." They stimmetres hurdles in Atlania she means to be in her cups: "All I want hanging round my midriff is a gold medal."

> THE referee Gerald Ashby got off lightly from the frayed tempers at Highbury on Wednesday. In Italy on Sunday Marco Rufanelli — no homer, some hoper — sent of three Fiesole players, including the goalkeeper, and booked an-other four in a match won 3-2 by the visitors Affrico, Home fans and players were so angry that he barricaded himself in a

While Rusedski marches on in Sydney, his firstchanging-room and summoned a police escort by mobile.

> SINGAPORE does not pro-duce many world champi-ons from its three million — Paul Lim in the '70s (darts), Adelene Wee 1984 (bowling). After independence in 1965 its prime doctrine was the creation of wealth and comfort able living. In November Jojo Sinclair's lightweight bodybuilding title in Bruges looked like its first reward for a recent Healthy Lifestyle campaign. On Tuesday Jojo joy turned to shame. She tested positive for steroids at

> the championships. Singapore takes a self-righteous line on law enforcement, eg death for drug-runners. Jojo is "a doe-eyed housewife"

Sally GUNNELL denied a proper season by injury last year, was working none-AST year Guy Osborn and Steve Greenfield, of the Centre for the Study of Law, Society and Popular Culture at theless on improving her Westminster University, pro-Olympic chances this summer. With Berlei she was attending duced a working paper. Gentle to the finer points of the sportmen, Players and the 6ft 9in West Indian Fast Bowler: The ing bra. Figures show: 10 mil-Changing Character(s) of lion women exercise regularly; English Cricket. In 1993 David Fraser, of Sydney University's Faculty of Law, wrote The 19 per cent wear no bra; 77 per cent do not wear a sports one; 57 per cent had not thought of Man in White Is Always Right: it; and 80 per cent of GPs be-Cricket and the Law, in which

he offers an explanation of causation in criminal law by analogy with the lbw law. So the title of Fraser's talk at Westminster's School of Law on February 1 is hardly surprising: Balls, Bribes and the Rule of Law: The Jurisprudence of Salim Malik.

MID-MORNING yesterday the Press Association stopped filing reports on the Queen Mother national squash championships in Birmingham and started filing them on the QM national championships. The sponsor is QM, Birmingham racket-| maker.

Gunnell . . . support role

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New security for BAF ange. One must hope that the federation looks after Securi-cor rather more assiduously There is no doubt that ITV cor rather more assiduously was bitterly disappointed than It did KP. HE British Athletic Federation, having had the food run out on it, yes-"We look forward to a long with the standard and attenand fruitful partnership," said Peter Radford, the execudances at last season's domestic competitions. Stadiums terday locked itself into a new tive chairman of the BAF. Se-In a deal worth £2 million

curicor has an option on a third year. There will be considerable relief within the sport's governing body, in view of its financial difficulties, that it has acquired another sponsor'so quickly. Last year's losses, conservatively estimated at more

than £250,000, have been exacerbated by ITV refusing to extend its one-year as ever, remains optimistic of option beyond 1996. The feder- | a successful season.

Atlanta marathon to start earlier

tle experience in sports morning "for safety Amateur Athletic Federa-sponsorship but is keen to reasons" because of the tion, later denied that a desponsorsmp but is keen to reasons occause of the uon, later denied that a de-raise its profile in the face of afternoon heat in Atlanta cision had been made but stiff competition from its in August, the president of be expected one to be ap-communications rivals Or- the US Olympic Committee, proved next month.

were frequently half-empty and the row between the fed eration and Linford Christie, Colin Jackson and John Regis adversely affected much of the season's track programme. The Olympic trials have already hit scheduling prob-lems: the Saturday programme on June 15 coincides with the England v Scotland match in soccer's European Championship. But the BAF,

"for safety Amateur Athletic Federa-

been in considerable diffi-culty on the Stock Exchange. Securicor, which owns nearly half of Cellnet, has lit-the event of the switched to the marking time of the LeRoy T Walker. said yesterday. Olympic Games in Atlanta will be switched to the marking time of the LeRoy T Walker. said yesterday. Ollan Cassell, a vice-pres-ident of the International Amateur Athletic Fadera

CONCACAF COLD CUP (Celifornia) Group B: Cenada 3. Honduras 1. Group C: El Salvedor 3. Trinidad and Tobago 2. te El Salvedor 3. Trinidad and Tobago 2. Terminis DAVIS CUP: Euro-Africen zonse Group timese traismel 2. Cameroon 1 (trish frash, 8 Barron toat to A Broop 4-5, 1-4; C Casoy D L Kompio 16-7, 6-2; Cassyl Collon bi J Oyebog/Myoqo 6-4, 6-2; Greece 3, Togo 0; Estonia 3, Difbout 0; Monaco 5, Togo 0; Estonia 3, Difbout 0; Monaco 6, Togo 0; Estonia Tennis

Results

Soccer

(GB) 6-3. 6-4; T Setzene (Japan) to re Day In (GB) 7-6; 6-3. TASSMANNAN INTERNATIONIAL (Hobard) Second roemd: S Parkas (It) by Y Basuki (Indo) 6-3. 6-t; Y Resmo-Pascual (Sp) bt S Hack (Gar) 6-4, 4-1 rat, J Hafard Doos-gla (Fr) bt C Singer (Gor) 6-2. 6-0: F Labart (Arg) bt N Miyagi (Japan) 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

HBAL Boston 113, Sacramento 104; Now Jarasy 92, New York 79, Philadelphus 93, Washington 98; Chicago 113, Seatle 87, San Anicolo 92, Cleveland 66, Portland 99, Milami 86; Vancouver 85, Denver 91, EUROPEAN C'SEIPS, Group A: Olympi-que d'Antiges 88, jraktis Satonika 66.



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Rugby League

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bat SQLIEST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Birming-nam): First round: Mon: P Lord (Chech-ire) bit S Handley (Oxfords) 9-3, 9-1, 3-9. OW 9-4: D Meddings (Surrey) bit G Thwalls Cumbrie) 9-5, 9-6, 9-6, 4 Toes (Yorks) bit D Campion (Yorks) 9-7, 6-9, 9-3 rot M Chalpage (Lucs) bit P Carter (Harrs) 9-2, 9-0, 9-1, A Gough (Hanls) bit N Dugan (Bucks) 9-6, 9-1, 3-0 ret. P Johamop (Kost) bit A Abou Taleb (Kost) 9-5, 9-6,





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France pick 'rebels' to face England, page 15 Athletics nets £2m sponsorship, page 15

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ATHERTON SPARKS REVIVAL AFTER THE LIGHTS GO OUT IN BLOEMFONTEIN

England come out of the shadows

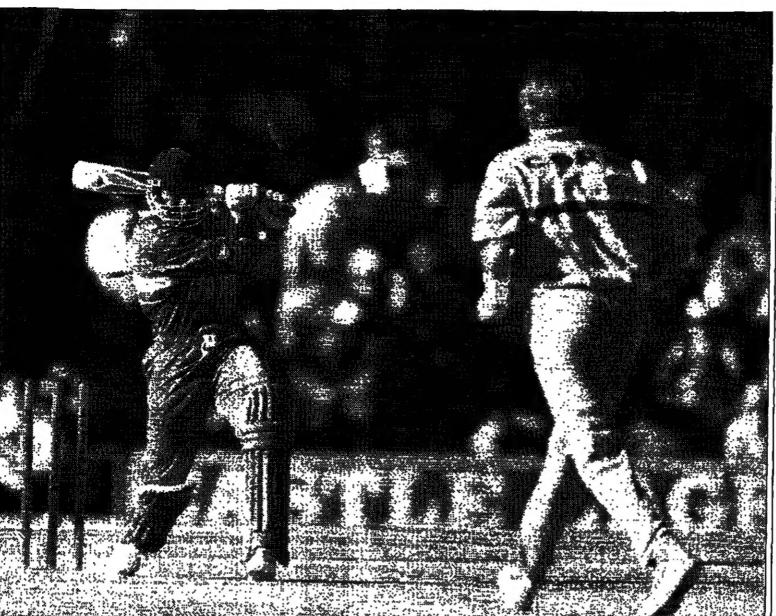
BLOEMFONTEIN may have suffered com-plete power failure yesterday, but for once England's batsmen did not, writes Jack Massarik.

Making light, so to speak, of a 40-minute break when darkness stopped play, they returned to overhaul South Africa's 262 for eight and win the second one-day international by five wickets, levelling the series at 1-1. It was in the 23rd over of England's innings, with Atherton and Thorpe at the wicket, that the floodlights failed — a setback that recalled the ready wit of Sir Alf Ramsey when some-thing similar once hap-pened at Portman Road.

"How long do you think they'll take to fix them?" a flannelling Jimmy Hill des-perately asked his commen-tary-box colleague. "Ah bem not an electrician," was Alf's helpful reply.

Here the power supply to the whole area had failed, and had it not been restored the match would have been declared a draw, because England were still eight balls short of the 25 overs stipulated before a win may be decided by wicket-fall or scoring rate.

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Skittled out ... Dominic Cork shatters Hansie Cronje's stumps to strike a middle-order blow for England against South Africa PHOTOGRAPH

Francis the new favourite

Martin Thorpe finds Kevin Keegan and Bryan Robson less than enthusiastic about taking over from Terry Venables this summer

aet-up, the former national captain would offer the FA is that he will stay until the end of this season. the continuity and calm transition it is seeking for the 1998 World Cup qualifying cam-paign which begins in 1

Two things seem certain about the succession, how-ever. The next England man-ager is unlikely to be a

Wavy line that tempts Wigan to Twickenham

as secretary of the RFU at

and Flt Lt retired behind their drawbridge, never again to oc-cupy the same playing field as

subordinates from the Rugby

Yet at the lunch before that

1944 match, its organiser Capt

stanley Wilson of Northern

Command had made "an ear-

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is the most wavy line that has

ever been drawn." It was to remain so for another half-

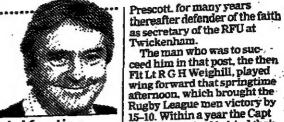
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Friday January 12 1996



Frank Keating

F WIGAN rugby league club do pick up the gauntlet and enter a team at Twick-enham's Middleser Sevens in May, it will be both a voluptuous gesture of reconciliation to mark the end of the 100 years' war and, at a stroke, an answer to the fevered but in the hope of eventually heal-ing the breach". "In my view," Wilson con-tinued, "the line between amahitherto untested tap-room de bate of a century about the quality of the codes.

Imagine the drama if Wigan played in the final against the England RU seven, who have applied to the tournament for late entry as they seek mean ingful competition in the abbreviated game in prepara-tion to defend next year in Hong Kong the world title they won at Murrayfield three

The Middlesex Sevens cale brates its 70th birthday this year, so it should be even more of an end-of-term middle class boozers' carnival than usual. But if it pitted Wigan igainst England for quarter o an hour, no one would dare lift a hip-flask to his lips for fear of missing something. Imagine the match-uns: Under wood v Offiah, Carling v Connolly. Guscott v Tuigamala, Clarke v Quinnell. Even as Wigan were making up their minds this week, their chief executive Brian Pickup said, with challenging resonance: "We always enter

every competition to win it, so we would select the strongest possible squad available to TSAYS something for Twickenham's bold new un-shamateur regime that to mark the redoubtable M J K

century, more and more wavy but enduring all the HERE was also an en-forced amnesty during the first world war, one that was too long ex-ended by one Welsh village. Thus it happened that in 1923, in a union game between Morriston and Cwmllynfell, the referee stopped play and abandoned the match after five minutes when he learned that Billo Rees, home on holiday from playing rugby league for Swinton, was enjoying the

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Both clubs were suspended for a month by the WRU in consequence. Nor could Twickenham stop

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EVIN KEEGAN | whether these pledges of loy- | brough sounded arguably less

Venables as England coach, appeared to rule themselves out of the succession yesterday, insisting they would be staying with their clubs. Bookmakers immediately installed the Tottenham manager Gerry Francis as the 6-4 favourite. The Football Association will now have to decide

and Bryan Rob-son, the two lead-ing candidates tainly Keegan's views seemed watertight. "I have 18 months the more steadfast. "I am interested in manage ing nobody but Newcastle United," he said yesterday. His chairman Sir John Hall,

who would fight hard against his manager moving, then put Keegan on his honour by res-ponding: "The club is detime comes." lighted with his further commitment to our future."

left on my contract," he said. "And I won't be moving while 'm under that contract Earlier he had been even less emphatic about his likely reaction to an FA call. "If it was ever put to me by the FA. I would answer it then. I will come round to that when the

ber Ian Stott, whose criti-cisms played a part in Vena-bles's decision to quit, also alluded to Robson when he Robson is the man many insaid his choice of successor was someone "currently in-volved in the England set-up". If Reegan and Robson prove side the game would like to see replace Venables. As his Robson's pledge to Middles | current No. 2 in the England

September

foreigner. "We've always been reluctant to go outside England," said Kelly. And it That will be one of the major factors when we sort the situation out," acknowl-edged the FA's chief execuwill not be Ray Wilkins. "I am

not experienced enough for all that," he said. "I have tive Graham Kelly. And the International Committee membig job at QPR and want to stay and finish that." Unless that was soccer etiquette One intriguing possibility has still not been totally ruled

out: a change of mind by Ven-ables. Fuel for this theory was provided by Jimmy Armfield. the FA's special adviser who immune to an FA plea that "your country needs you", then Francis would be an adwill help in the search for a coach. Yesterday he said: "I mirable alternative, with the advantage that he operates without a contract at Tottenstill think a lot can happen between now and July." David Lacey, page 14 ham; his only pledge to them

Keegan ... staying put

Set by Mercury

sibility. The Old Farts of only six months ago would have XV". First tackle, Murphy crash-lands on the whole pack had a fit. Mind you, for all Twicken

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The League team was made

up of sergeants, seamen and corporals. Prop forward for the Union side was Capt R E

Rugby League game at Odsal

Stadium.

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of initials. 'Hey, steady on there. Murham's unutterably snobbish phy, this is rugger, old boy, not ramparts since the great an organised execution," says the clipped Winco who is capschism of 1895, it was forced to let the walls come tumbling taining the RAF. After treatdown during the century's two ment, MJK is immediately wars. In front of me now is one of the most collectable of sport given the ball again, to be met simultaneously by another ing match-day programmes, a stupendous Murphy tackle. parchmenty, dog-eared sheet dated April 29 1944

"Look here, stop this at once, Murphy," orders Winco. "Don't you realise Mr Smith is due to play at Twickers on Saturday?"

Replies Murphy: "He won't even be playing ruddy domi-noes on Saturday if he tries to jink past me like that again!"

Save money on your home insurance and spend a little extra on your home.



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Highbury pair face FA charge

BRUCE RIOCH and Terry McDermott face a charge of bringing the the referee's room after the referee's room after game into disrepute, after Wednesday's touchline bustup at Highbury, writes Martin The fact that what the lines

man described as "an aggres sive verbal confrontation" was seen by a live television audience may force the Football Association to take action even though there was no physical contact between the Arsenal er and the Newcastle No. 2 during their stand-up row, described later as "handbags-at-five-paces stuff - the sort of thing that can happen in the heat of the moment during a game" by the Newcastle

manager Kevin Keegan. **Rioch and McDermott have** 14 days to give the FA their followed David Ginola's red card for elbowing Lee Dixon in a pulsating Coca-Cola quarter-final, won 2-0 by Arsenal

one booking away from a furviews of the incident, which ther two-match ban. Keegan expressed concern that these problems could persuade the Frenchman to leave Newcastle. "He's very down," said The match referee Gerald Keegan. "I would hate to lose Ashby was also ordered to him."

This is not obviously cheering fare. You can understand a publisher choosing not to issue a new Graham Swift just in time for Christmas, Adrian Poole

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The police, who went into the referee's room after the game, will not be taking any action. The incident is understood to have been discussed at an Arsenal board meeting yesterday. If charged and found guilty **Rioch and McDermott would** face fines and/or touchline bans, Rioch admitted he lost his temper after McDermott allegedly said: "You've punched a few players in your career." The referee has confirmed he sent Ginola off for the elbowing alone and not as the result of a second vellow card. **Keegan** intends to appeal against the earlier booking. Ginola, who will now have to serve a three-match ban, is

N.B. Answers to anagrams 22 Left out, elect two fellows will be found in the fibrary. to enter result (6) 24 Not a genuine buyer? (11,4) Across 25 Eccentric nurse goes round 1 It's pointless John taking a to get soaked! (6) month to find Mary's 26 Paid for a half bottle of spirit husband (6) 4 Mum copies forms (6) Down 9 Vista in Blenheim (anagram) 1 Have Jack standing around (3.9.3)Head Office - people 10 Loves to include Verdi, not worship him (7) one to exaggerate (6)

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